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# 536 DEAD

## FIRE IN THE IROQUOIS THEATER, CHICAGO, RESULTS IN PANIC---DEAD PILED HIGH IN EXITS---MANY BODIES WERE BURNED TO CRISP---FIERCE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

# LIVES CRUSHED OUT IN PANIC THAT FOLLOWED THE CRY OF FIRE

# LIST OF DEAD AND DYING GLEANED FROM MORGUES AND HOSPITALS

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## STRIKERS WILL HELP BURY THEATER DEAD

### Decide to Forget Differences With Their Employes in Face of Awful Calamity.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Immediately after the news of the theater disaster reached headquarters of the striking drivermen Albert Young, general organizer for the International Teamsters' association, called an executive session of the strike leaders. It was decided, in view of the fearful loss of life at the fire, that all other considerations than those of humanity must be swept aside and immediate action be taken, so as to permit of the burial of the dead without hindrance or any character.

It was the unanimous sentiment of the meeting that the men when called on to work should do so without questioning the attitude of the owners or the scale of wages. No union man could afford to hesitate for a moment in performing his plain duty. An order to this effect was sent to members of the union.

### Three Men Fatally Scalded.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 30.—Vincent Kunditz, George Gable and Adolph Gideon were probably fatally scalded and four others seriously scalded as the result of the explosion of an eight-inch steampipe in the Kunditz cabinet works, corner of West Center and Washington streets.

### TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

NIXON—N. C. Goodwin in "My Wife's Husband," 8:15 p. m.

ALVIN—"The Silver Slipper," musical comedy, 8:15 p. m.

NEW GRAND—The Christmas Pantomime, "Babes in the Woods," 2 and 8 p. m.

AVENUE—Ned Washburn's Minstrel Misses and Vaudeville, continuous performance, 1:30 to 10:30 p. m.

EMPIRE—Rebecca Warren in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," 8:15 p. m.

DUQUESNE—Isabel Irving in "The Crisis," 2 and 8 p. m.

BIJOU—"Girls Will Be Girls," musical comedy, 8 p. m.

ACADEMY—Rice & Barton's Extravaganza Company, 2 and 8 p. m.

DUQUESNE GARDEN—Skating afternoon and evening. Hockey tonight—Yale vs. Bankers.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE ART GALLERIES—Eighth annual exhibition of paintings, 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

## One Thousand Dead and Dying Taken from the Fire-Swept Ruins of the Iroquois Theater, Chicago.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Five hundred and thirty-six are dead as the result of the fire which gutted the Iroquois theater late this afternoon, throwing 2,200 men, women and children in a maddened, crazed, fighting panic, while the matinee performance was in progress. This is the estimate now given by the coroner.

One thousand crushed, blackened, bleeding bodies, only about 400 of which show signs of life, have already been taken out by the police and volunteers, who are tunnelling the ruins with axes and picks. Surrounding store rooms are turned into charnel houses, the floors and tables covered with the dead, while in others the moans of the dying rend the air.

The fire broke out at 3:35 p. m. as the chorus was singing "The Moonlight Song," in the second act of the matinee performance of "Mr. Bluebeard." It was caused by crossed electric light wires. The flimsy draperies about the stage became ignited, and in an instant the entire stage setting was a mass of flames.

The wild panic following is without parallel in fire history of America, and the tragic deaths and heartrending scenes unnerved for a time those who rushed to the rescue as the spectators crowded toward the door and all other known exits, fighting and jamming their way in their struggle to freedom. In a few minutes the entire theater was ablaze, and the awful results followed.

To add to the horror ghouls flocked by the scores to the scene, and the police had a desperate battle to keep the robbers of the dead away from the blackened corpses.

### LAUGHTER QUICKLY TURNED TO SHRIEKS.

The fire broke out during the second act of the play "Mr. Bluebeard," which is the only production given in the theater since its erection. The company, which was very large, escaped to the street in safety, nearly all of them, however, being compelled to flee into the snowy streets with no clothing but their stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries, but none were seriously hurt.

The accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting, and none of them certain, but the best reason given is that an electric wire near the lower part of a piece of drop scenery suddenly broke and was grounded. The fire spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing the members of the chorus who were then engaged in the performance to flee to the wings with screams of terror.

The fire in itself up to this time was not serious and possibly could have been checked had not the asbestos curtain failed to work. As soon as the fire was discovered Eddie Foy, the chief comedian of the company, shouted to lower the curtain, and this was immediately done.

Curtain Would Not Work.

It descended about half way and then stuck. The fire thus was given practically a flue through which a strong draft was setting, aided by the doors, which had been thrown open in the front of the theater. With a roar and a bound the flames shot through the opening over the heads of the people on the first floor and reaching clear up to those in the first balcony, caught them and burned them to death where they sat.

Immediately following this rush of flames there came an explosion which lifted the entire roof of the theater from its walls, shattering the great skylight into fragments.

As soon as the flames first appeared beyond the curtain a man in the rear of the hall shouted "Fire! Fire!" and the entire audience rose as one person and made for the doors. It is believed that the explosion was caused by the flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theater, causing them to burst.

Will J. Davis, manager of the theater, said after the catastrophe that if the people had remained in their seats and had not been excited by the cry of fire not a single life would have been lost. This is, however, contradicted by the statements of the firemen, who found numbers of people sitting in their seats, their faces directed toward the stage as if the performance was still going on. It was the opinion of the firemen that these people had been suffocated at once by the flow of gas which came from behind the asbestos curtain.

In the wreck of the collapsed balcony, the bodies have been found in blackened heaps, piled five feet deep. Blackened corpses are packed and wedged in the aisles, cluttered in the wreck of iron chairs, where the maddened, fear-crazed throng fought with fists and feet in the crazed desperate stampede that swept men, women and children along in a human whirlpool under the crackling flames. In the sections of the balcony that have not collapsed bodies are found wedged upright in the wreck, the flesh burned from the blackened bones. Scores and scores of bodies have been burned to crisps.

Features of Dead Tell Awful Story.

The corpses were hauled away like cordwood. Police and citizen volunteers, crying over the sight that their rattling axes have revealed, stopped wagons in the streets and impressed them as hearses for the dead. In these wagons—vehicles of every description—bodies were heaped like cordwood, covered with tarpaulins and hauled to the stores and rooms that have been turned into death houses.

Every body is crushed, bleeding, torn, mangled and blackened. Tongues hanging from battered, blackened mouths tell how death came with suffocation when the scores of victims, fighting with their fellow-sufferers in the death trap of flame like demons, were swept down under the feet of the panic-stricken, fear-crazed throng, held to be claimed by the flames and smoke. Eyes are gouged from sockets, telling of the fury of the fight for life which these human beings, shut in like rats in a trap, tearing and striking at each other in their terrible efforts to escape.

Citizens on the streets for blocks away were impressed in the work of rescue. On the stage, dozens of chorus girls escaped to the wind-swept streets by clambering through coal holes in their flimsy stage clothes. These, with their faces bleeding and clothing in shreds, ministered to the scores and scores of wounded and dying who litter the floors of the storerooms for blocks away.

Thompson's restaurant, 75-77 Randolph street, is banked with dead. Fifteen dead bodies are at the Tremont house. Almost 100 dead bodies have been carried to Rolston's morgue. There they assert they cannot take any more. At the Sherman house is another row of blackened bodies. In the adjoining barber shops, cigar stores and stores of all kinds the rows of dead are lying. And the axmen, working like giants in the ruins, are uncovering heaps of blackened corpses, piled five and six feet deep; finding bodies wedged upright between chairs and ruins and burned to a crisp.

Fighting the clubs of the police and striking down rescuers with their

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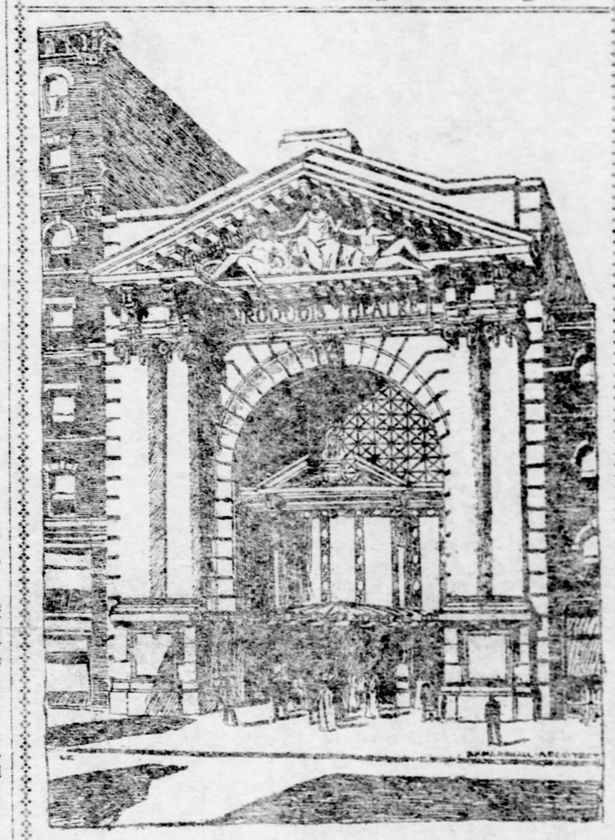
### Theater Where Death Played Leading Part



Entrance to the Iroquois Theater.

## GHOULS ROBBED THE DEAD AS THEY LAY IN MORGUES

### Under Guise of Frantic Friends They Looted the Victims of the Awful Tragedy.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Ghouls by the score flocked to the scene of the theater and began robbing the dead. They crushed through the doorways of the temporary morgues by the hundred in the guise of frantic mourners seeking for their lost relatives, and they carried off rings, watches and purses and jewelry despite the utmost efforts of the police.

When this feature of the horror manifested itself, a call was sent out for all the police reserves in the city and from suburban police stations, plain-clothes men and uniformed officers poured into Randolph Street station about 6 o'clock. The detectives on guard at the temporary morgues had not time to arrest the ghouls. It would have been impossible to take them through the mass of humanity that jammed the streets, and tabs of the officers would have made the greasy sailing for other thieves. In most cases, therefore, the robbers, when detected, were clubbed or booted out of the morgue and kept out thereafter.

One man was caught taking a valuable string of pearls from the neck of a dead woman in Thompson's, whom he had declared to be his wife. Others were caught with watches and diamond rings. Many of the bodies bore jewelry, as the women had dressed in their best clothes for the matinee.

About 7:30 o'clock fully 10,000 people were gathered within four blocks of the theater and the police established lines with ropes a block from the stricken playhouse in either direction and rigidly excluded everyone from that zone. It was feared that the roof of the theater would fall in at any moment and even Coroner Trager was not allowed to enter the building, which was in a most precarious condition.

The rescuers—police and firemen—took their lives in their hands as they toiled in and out with their grewsome, blackened burdens, but no one else was permitted to come inside the danger lines. Coroner Trager said:

"I have been told that 736 bodies have been taken out of the building. I will immediately make a thorough investigation into the cause of the fire, which I understand was caused by a calcium light exploding. I shall also investigate the reports that two exit doors were locked and that the fire escape balconies were not provided with ladders. I will impanel one jury to view all the bodies tomorrow morning and then the date for the inquest will be fixed."

## Temporary Dead Houses Made of Stores and Business Places Near the Scene of the Disaster.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 31.—2 a. m.—The following is a list of the identified dead, known missing and the injured, in the Iroquois theater disaster, as far as known:

### Partial List of Dead.

Following is a partial list of the dead:

HORTENSE LANG, aged 16.

IRENE LANG, aged 11, sister of above; their mother escaped.

MISS ARBIE RAYMER, daughter of Alderman Raymer.

E. A. WILSON.

MRS. W. T. MARSH.

Miss GLADYS STREETON, Alpena, Mich.

LOUISE BUSHNELL.

MRS. LAKE, 35 years old, identified at the morgue.

MISS A. DONALDSON, 18 years old, identified at morgue by telegram found in her purse.

J. RATTEY, died at hospital. Before death he spoke of two boys who had been with him. Boys thought to have perished.

MRS. PATRICK F. O'DONNELL, wife of President O'Donnell of Duer Brewing Company.

MRS. BESSIE CLINGER.

OTTO WATTMAN.

R. H. COULTS.

MISS —— HOWARD.

MISS —— ROSS, daughter of Dr. Ross.

EDITH NORTON, visiting sister at Evanston.

EILEEN M'CAUGHAN, with party of seven high school girls in balcony.

MRS. F. A. MOERHILL.

MRS. A. SULLIVAN.

MRS. MINWEGEN, wife of Alderman John Minwegen.

MRS. HARBAUGH.

WILLIAM FITZGIBBON.

C. W. FORBUSH AND FAMILY.

ANNA STERLING.

THREE MEN, employed among the flies on the stage, names unknown.

FLUGALINE, a German aerial performer, taken to Samaritan hospital; died in ambulance.

ETHEL BLACKMAN, 13 years old, daughter of Harry E. Blackman, freight department Marshall Field & Co., living at Glenview, Ill.

MRS. CAVANAUGH, living in Indiana avenue.

UNKNOWN BOY, 8 years old, burned beyond recognition.

TWO UNKNOWN WOMEN, met death jumping from rear fire escape with their garments were aflame.

LOUISE BUCHRAY.

MARIE WALSH, 15 years old.

MRS. JAMES D. MALONEY, wife of a plumber.

MISS SPENCER.

ETHEL JONES, daughter of S. P. Jones, attended theater with brothers and sisters, two of whom are missing and three accounted for; it was reported at Vaughan's seed store, where the body of Miss Jones was taken, that the mother, an invalid, dropped dead when she received the tidings of her daughter's death.

MRS. KING, wife of John C. King, the attorney.

LILLIAN PHILLIPSON, 6 years, identification uncertain.

BOY, 17 years old, lived at Lafayette, Ind.

MRS. FERMAN.

WILLIAM RATLEY, died in hospital.

J. C. JOHNSON, died in hospital.

WILLIAM H. REED, lawyer, Washington, Ill.

HOYT FOX, body at morgue.

MRS. L. R. BUTLER, at morgue.

S. WARDMAN, at morgue.

EDWARD W. MORTON, agent Warner Electric Manufacturing Company, St. Louis.

—— NEWBY.

J. A. ROCKEMS.

MRS. STEEN.

D. DONALDSON, address unknown.

REV. GERGE HOWARD STUDLEY, pastor of All Strangers church.

MISS A. B. DODD of Delaware, O., was visiting friends at Wheaton, Ill.

MISS V. DELEE, daughter of late Bentenant of police.

W. W. HOOPER, Kenosha, Wis.

FIVE CHILDREN of H. S. Van Inger of Kenosha (probable). Father became separated from them and is among the injured.

C. W. TURGUSH AND FAMILY.

MILDRED MESHMAN, 2 years old, rescued by father, but died on reaching the street.

BERNICE BAILEY, at morgue.

A. M. MANDEL, identified by ring.

C. A. WINSLOW, commercial traveler of Three Rivers, Miss.

BURR SCOTT.

FORCNETA PETTERSON.

HARVEY KELLEY, Laclede avenue, St. Louis.

THOMAS COUTELL.

EMPERLY HALL.

THOMAS J. FLANNAGAN, College avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

MRS. M. A. HENRY.

ROSE K. BODGERS, identified by card in purse.

H. F. MOORE.

C. L. COUPER.

MAY CURRAN.

"MARTIN," a boy of 15.

E. MOSES.

H. W. WILLIAMS.

B. REGENBERG.

ELLA LINDEN.

BENNING, a boy.

WALTER B. EGELER, identified by watch.

SAID, first name not learned; member Traveling Passenger Agents' association; carried check No. 12,870.

MISS EMMA BRINCKLEY, identified by father at morgue.

HOYT FOX, 15 years old, grandson of William H. Hart, the wholesale grocer.

RICHARD HOLST.

ALLEN HOLST.

HAROLD MARTIN, Pullman, Ill.

JOHN HOLLAND.

LULU SHABBARD.

W. N. STRANG.

CHARLES H. SOLL.

MRS. DAWSON, address unknown.

WHITEFOX, a boy.

WILLIAM BUTE.

### Partial List of Missing.

Among those missing are:

FRANK OGOLEY, son of Magistrate Ogoley.

JOE KINGSLEY. His mother was seriously injured.

MRS. LULU GREENWALD AND SON.

HENRY BOEHL.

MRS. C. E. ERICKSON AND SON AND DAUGHTER of Aurora, Ill.; were in balcony.

JOHN AND ANN FITZGIBBON, brother and sister.

WILLIAM GUSSAULUS, nephew of Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus.

EDNA MAY SWIFT, daughter of L. A. Swift.

MRS. ARTHUR BERGCH AND YOUNG SON.

MRS. HENRY G. FOREMAN, wife of president of the county board.

MRS. M. STARK, Des Moines, Ia.

MRS. C. J. TUTHILL, Des Moines, Ia.

MRS. M. FREDERICKS.

ANNA OLSON, accompanying above.

FLORENCE OXNAM, ROSEMOND SCHMIDT, ELVIRA OLSON, HELEN HOWARD, LILY POWER, a club of high school girls who were in balcony.

MISS RUTH A. MAKER.

MRS. CHARLES PAGE.

MRS. SPETKE.

MRS. MARY MEAD.

LENA AND ANNA MOAK of Watertown, Wis.

IRMA WERKOFF.

EDNA M. FARNEY.

N. T. BOYCE, WIFE AND DAUGHTER.

A. F. GARTZ.

J. W. BRECKNER, supposed to have been one of a box party.

D. RUSS, address unknown.

MRS. FRANK BERG, son Victor, daughters Olga and Rosella were in balcony.

MRS. JOHN GUTHARDT AND DAUGHTER ELIZA, in balcony.

MRS. KAVANAUGH, supposed to be among unidentified dead at morgue.

MRS. M. REISS AND TWO CHILDREN.

MRS. ROSE BLOOM.

HAZEL BROWN.

MRS. BALLEY.

MRS. M'KENNA AND SON.

BELLE PHINNEY.

FLORENCE HUTCHINS, Waukegan, Ill.

MARY AND BARBARA GARTZ, children of A. F. Gartz, treasurer of the Crane Elevator Company.

COLORED NURSE of Gartz children.

MISS JENNIE FRENCH of Kirkville, Mo.

MISS "DATLY" REID.

MISS REID.

REV. RICHARDSON.

EDNA TORNEY, aged 22 years.

MRS. THOMAS A. CANTWELL, mother of Attorney Robert Cantwell.

MRS. A. E. HULL AND THREE CHILDREN.

MISS MARY FORBES, Mrs. Hull's maid.

MRS. EMILY FOX, mother of Hoyt Fox, and her son and daughter. All live at Winnetka, Ill.

LUCILLE MEAD, Detroit.

EDWARD AND LOUISE DEE, children, 10 and 12 years.

JOHN HOLLAND, Des Moines, Iowa.

MISS NINA HANSEN.

MRS. MARY TARLAT AND TWO DAUGHTERS.

MRS. DAVID KENNEDY, Austin, Ill.

MRS. A. C. KENNEDY, Pyramont, Ill.

M. LUDWIG, WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS, of Norwood Park.

MRS. E. JONES.

ELVA FOWLER.

MISS. DUVAL.

MRS. A. SHAAKEN of Zanesville, O., and two daughters.

MISS BESSIE CHAPMAN, aged 19 years, of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

MISS NINA CHAPMAN of Cedar Rapids, Ia., sister of above.

MISS ANNA M'CHRISTIE.

MRS. CHARLES HICKMAN.

MISS AGNES NEWMANN AND SON.

MRS. WILLIAM BARTLETT AND SON AND DAUGHTER.

ELSIE SMITH of Grandale, Ill.

MRS. PEARL WUNDERLICH.

MRS. DANIER, Burlington, Ia.

MRS. EDWARD FRAZIER.

MRS. KOLL.

MRS. FOLTY AND FIVE CHILDREN.

MAY MARX.

NELLIE HART.

MAUDE SMITH, Desplaines, Ill.

WILLIE AND FRANK GARN, children.

MRS. ELLA HUST.

FLORA GARN.

LENA HOFFHEINTZ.

MRS. FRANCIS KIRCHER.

MRS. ELECTA SYLVESTER.

CLARA WILLIS.

MRS. WALLIS WAGNER.

HARRIET WOLF, daughter of L. Wolf, the millionaire manufacturer.

MARGARET DEVINE.

RUTH BEYERSDOLTH, Evanston, Ill.

JOHN MILLER, address unknown.

JULIA BRUSWITZ.

RAE LOEWITZ.

MRS. SUSSAN TURNEY.

MRS. BARTON and DAUGHTER.

LILLIE GASS.

RAY GRUENWALD.

ROBERT MARTIN, young son of Pullman magnate.

JOHN VAN INGEN, Kenosha, Wis.

WALTER HENNINGER, shot at hospital.

MARGARET SCHUMAN, shot at hospital.

MRS. LE WOLFF, Hammond, Ind., shot at hospital.

ALICE KAUSMAN, shot at hospital.

HELEN HOWARD, shot at hospital.

HELEN COOPER, shot at hospital.

L. E. GOULD, shot at hospital.

MORTIMER ELDRIDGE.

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## BLOCKED MASS OF HUMANITY

### Dead and Dying Piled About the Doors of Stricken Theater.

### WORKED IN THE DARK

### Rescuers Groped Their Way to the Aid of Trapped Playgoers.

### AWFUL SCENES ARE PICTURED

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Eye witnesses of the awful disaster tell graphic stories of what they saw as they were swept by the maddened throng to the street. No two accounts agree about how the panic-stricken audience became alarmed, but all picture vividly the awful scenes which followed.

"I cannot realize that it is not all a horrible nightmare yet," said Charles Dexter. "When Hasenmeier called my attention to the class I didn't think there was much in it, but while looked it seemed to take the whole side of the stage.

"I did not more than have time to get downstairs, before the whole stage was ablaze. The crowd by this time struggling against me like a lot of wild people. I don't know how we got the iron door open. The fire escapes were filled with nothing but women and children. They were packed so closely that only a few could break loose and jump, and some of them burning to death before our eyes. I took the children into a corner drug store."

William Corbett of 35 California avenue and Edward Butler, a city employe living at 619 Webster avenue, rushed into the burning building at the Randolph street entrance to help in the rescue. To in Corbett's story:

"I did not intend to go into the burning building, but as I stood there an old woman came up to me tearing her hair and screamed: 'Help me Holy Mother, my two children are in there.' Well, no man could stand that. That meant me, I said to Butler, and we started. Policeman Behan tried to stop us. But we made for the west side of the building intending to go into the main body of the theater, but in our excitement we got tangled up in the dark hallways and the first we knew we were up against a door at the top of the building and everything dark as pitch.

"We caught hold of the handle of the door and managed to break it open. Piled up five feet deep by the door was an awful mass of dead and dying. I grabbed hold of an arm and the burnt flesh peeled off. The smoke was suffocating and the heat was terrible. As we pulled the poor victims out it seemed to me that I could not go on. There were young girls with their waists torn off, women and children scorched and dead, and a few still struggling feebly.

"And all was in smoke and darkness so dense that we could only see distinctly those next to the door. We broke open a door leading into a big smoking room and shot in a little light. In this room we carried the dead and started down stairs with the few who were still alive. By this time the firemen had come up and we passed the living along. The hallway was so narrow that only one could come or go at a time.

"It seemed as if nobody escaped from the gallery. When we got down to the balcony we found women and children piled up against the door almost to the top and nearly all dead."

"When Corbett started into the theater," said Butler, "I made up my mind to way a case of follow the leader. It was as dark as pitch, and I cannot tell now how we got where we did. But we broke the door opening into the gallery. I saw the most ghastly sight that ever expect to see. Women and children were piled together. Some of them were still struggling, some of them burned and all of them with their clothes torn to shreds. I pulled out one girl who turn was burned to a crisp close to the door.

"It seemed as if they were all the children and women, and mangled, and burned until it would break your heart. Corbett carried them away two at a time, and for 10 minutes it seemed we did nothing but try to unravel a heap of dead and dying. By this time firemen came to help us and we carried the dying out into the air."

# FLOOR CARPETED WITH THE DEAD

## Firemen Trod on Victims' Bodies Unconscious of the Tragedy Enacted.

## THEY COULDN'T SEE

### An Awful Sight Presented When Lights Were Used in Halls.

### REMOVAL OF THE BODIES

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

Chicago, Dec. 30.—In spite of the efforts of the police a large number of people succeeded in breaking through their lines and entering the burned theater, and in many cases did heroic work in rescuing the injured and carrying out the dead. Among these was former Alderman William H. Thompson, who, unaided, carried to the street the bodies of eight women.

The building was so full of smoke when the firemen arrived that the full extent of the catastrophe was not immediately grasped until a fireman and a newspaper man crawled up the stairway leading to the balcony, holding handkerchiefs over their mouths to avoid suffocation. As they reached the doorway the fireman whose vision was better trained in such emergencies seized his companion by the arm, exclaiming:

"Good God, man, don't walk on their faces!"

The two men tried vainly to get through the door which was jammed with dead women piled higher than either of their heads. All the lights in the theater were necessarily out and the only illumination came through the cloud of smoke that hung between the interior of the theater and the street. The two men immediately hurried to the floor below and informed Chief Musham of the fire department that the dead bodies were piled high in the balcony and prompt assistance must be rendered if any of them were to be saved.

### Long Chain of Dead.

The chief at once called upon all of his men in the vicinity to abandon work on the fire and come at once to the rescue. The building was so dark and the smoke so thick that it was found impossible to accomplish anything until lights had been secured. Word was at once sent to the Orr & Lockett Hardware Company, two doors east of the theater, and this firm placed its entire stock of lanterns at the service of the department.

Over 200 lights were quickly carried into the building and the work of rescue commenced. So rapidly were the bodies brought down that for over an hour there were two streams of men passing in and out of the doorway, the one carrying bodies, the other composed of men returning to get more. They were carried into Thompson's restaurant, which adjoins the theater on the east, where all the available space was given by the proprietor.

The dead and wounded were placed upon chairs, tables and counters, one woman even being placed, for lack of a better spot, on top of a cigar counter, because of the tremendous throng which surrounded the block in which the theater building stood. It was not possible for the police to carry the dead and wounded any distance, and they were compelled to await for ambulances at the theater.

### Hauled Away in Carts.

Although all the patrol wagons and every ambulance owned by the city was pressed into service, they were utterly inadequate to carry away the dead, and in a short time there was a line of corpses 50 feet long piled two and three high on the sidewalk in front of the theater. It was found necessary, in order to convey the bodies rapidly to the morgue, and to the various undertaking establishments, to impress trucks into service, and in these, upon costly blankets furnished by the drygoods stores in the vicinity and covered with the same material, the dead were hauled away practically like so much cordwood.

The merchants in the vicinity of the theater rose to the emergency in splendid fashion. Marshall Field & Co., Mandel Bros., Schlesinger & Meyer, Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., and other large drygoods stores, sent wagon load after wagon load of blankets, rolls of linen and packages of cotton to be used in binding up the wounds of the injured and to cover the dead. The drug stores furnished their stock to anybody that asked for it in the name of people hurt in the fire. Doctors and trained nurses were on the ground by the score within half an hour after the extent of the calamity was known and every wounded person who was carried from the building received prompt medical aid.

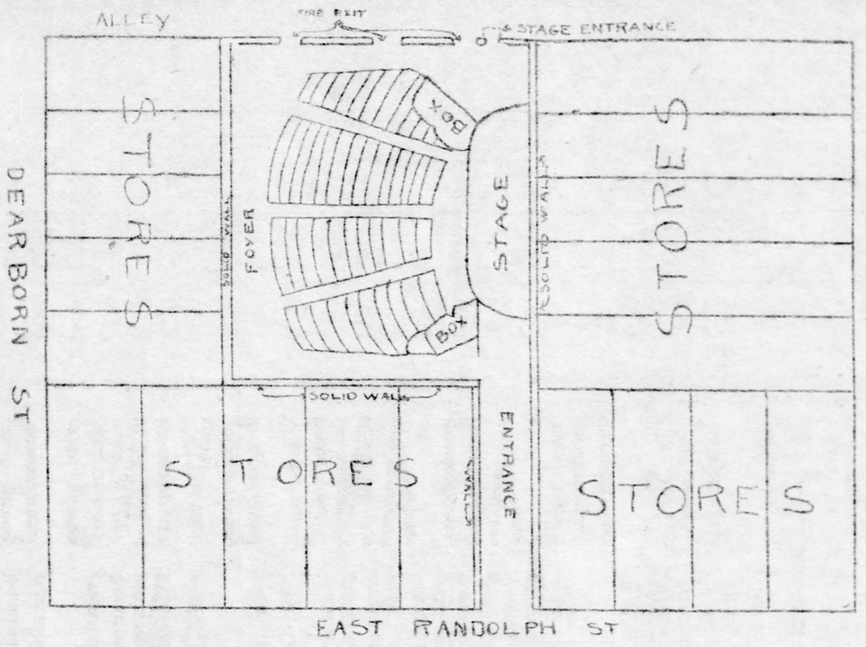
A number of doctors waited at the entrance to the theater with stethoscopes in hand and as soon as a body which looked as though it might possess life, was carried out, it was at once examined and if dead placed on the pile lying on the sidewalk. The others were at once placed in ambulances and whirled away to hospitals or to the offices of physicians in the immediate neighborhood.


TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.



the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, Fifth avenue and Fourth avenue, is open Saturday evenings. A dollar or more will start an acquaintance.


## Diagram of the Location of the Iroquois Theater




It will be seen by the above that the theater entrance is between stores, while the playhouse proper is surrounded by business structures. The fire exits open on an alley.

# BENJAMIN H. MARSHALL, WHO BUILT DOOMED IROQUOIS THEATER, WAS SHOCKED BY THE HORRIBLE NEWS

## Architect Had Also Planned the New Nixon in Pittsburgh and Condemned the Use of Wood.

Benjamin H. Marshall, the young Chicago architect who designed the Iroquois theater, left for his home at 7:30 o'clock last night, taking advantage of the first opportunity to reach the scene of horror. Mr. Marshall is likewise the architect of the Nixon theater in this city, as well as three other smaller playhouses. He was overwhelmed by the news of the disaster and hastened to call up his mother by long-distance telephone to inquire as to the details of the calamity.

"I'll never allow another theater to be built with a stick of wood in it," he declared, reading bulletins which were handed him by a Gazette man. "The Iroquois was built along the very latest lines and was provided with 27 double fire exits, but wood was used and stairways were employed. A fireproof building will not be erected as long as wood is used. In a theater there as so many articles of inflammable material that when a blaze once gets headway it spreads in the most alarming manner.

"The Iroquois was completed a few weeks before the opening of the Nixon. It cost $400,000 and was considerably smaller than Nixon & Zimmerman's Pittsburgh house. Its doorway was on Randolph street and the entrance was 'L' shaped, the stage extending back to Dearborn street. The balconies were constructed on the cantilever principle and had a comparatively small seating capacity. The gallery accommodated 465 people, while the balcony had seats for 445. In the gallery were six double exits. The dress circle had seven exits and the lower floor 14.

"I urged the advisability of using inclined planes in reaching the balcony, but this feature was objected to. Had it been constructed like the Nixon, scores of lives would have been saved. I had turned the building over to the owners and, of course, my responsibility ends, but at the same time I feel a deep personal interest in its welfare and I am Atounded at the horrible news. I left Chicago yesterday. The house, being new, was immensely popular, and 'Mr. Bluebeard' was an attraction that filled the theater at every performance. Will H. Davis, who was long associated with Nixon & Zimmerman, was the resident manager. He was here at the opening of the Nixon, and, it will be remembered, made a brief address from the stage. In his long career this is his first accident."

Without waiting for his dinner, Mr. Marshall sprang upon the Chicago special on the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago railroad at 7:30 o'clock last night and will reach Chicago early this morning. He repeated that the disaster should be a lesson to builders that wood should not be used in buildings intended for the accommodation of large crowds, and declared that he would never again employ anything but absolute fireproof material in building.

# IROQUOIS SUPPOSED TO BE OF FIRE PROOF CONSTRUCTION

## Was One of the Most Ppacions and Magnificently Constructed Playhouses in Chicago.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The Iroquois theater was built about a year ago. It was projected and owned by Will J. Davis and Harry Powers of this city; Klaw & Erlanger of New York and Nixon & Zimmerman of Philadelphia. It was built on the north side of Randolph street, between State and Dearborn streets. It was a syndicate house.

The front of the theater was in modern French style, with a base of polished granite, and the rest in glazed terra cota. Twelve spacious doors led into a vestibule finished in white Vermont marble, inlaid with mosaic. Its celing was dome shaped, with a mosaic frieze illustrating the theatrical development of Chicago, commencing with a picture of the first theater in the city and ending with the Iroquois itself. There were three ticket offices in the vestibule, and a stair case leading to the private offices of the theater. Above the private offices was a large music room with private offices for visiting managers, etc.

From the vestibule, entrance was made directly into the grand foyer, which was 60 feet wide and about 70 feet deep, with a height over all of about 55 feet. Grand staircases ascended from each side of this foyer to the dress circle and balcony circle, while patrons of the first floor passed directly into the auditorium on the same grade. The foyer was liberally furnished with couches and chairs, and with check rooms, toilet rooms, smoking rooms, etc.

The theater proper occupied a space 90 feet wide and 125 feet in depth, of which the stage occupied 50 feet. There was but 18 rows of seats on the first floor and the aisles were so arranged as to provide for a system of seating which would prevent placing one person directly behind another.

The stage was arranged so much lower than usual as to permit people in the first rows to see its floor from footlights to the rear wall. There were three boxes on each side of the first floor, and the proscenium arch was designed to represent an enormous shell. On an adjoining lot was erected a building devoted exclusively to dressing rooms. This was furnished with electric elevators accommodating 25 persons on each trip.

There were 80 dressing rooms, with ample rooms besides for suppers. The walls of these rooms were of enameled brick, insuring absolute cleanliness. All shelves, shoe boxes and dressing cases were of iron. Underneath the theater there was a large green room, music room, ballet room, sewing rooms, and wardrobe. The theater building was devoted to theatrical purposes only, and the cost of the construction was $400,000. The building was supposed to have been fireproof.

## BUILDING WAS IN THE BEST POSSIBLE CONDITION

### Inspector Said at Recent Inspection Theater Was in Good Shape.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Deputy Commissioner L. E. Stanhope spoke as follows for the building department in the absence from the city of Building Commissioner Williams:

"According to the report made to the building department upon the completion of the Iroquois theater in the middle of November, the structure was in A. No. 1 condition. Inspector Edward Laughlin who made the report is one of the best inspectors in the service of the city, and I have every reason to believe that his finding was an honest and conscientious one.

"It is impossible to examine the building tonight in its present condition, but a thorough investigation will be made tomorrow afternoon."

## WORK OF RESCUE

### Firemen Able to Save Some by Pulling Them Through Roof.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—About a score of people in the second balcony were saved by firemen who took them through the roof and carried them down ladders in the rear of the building. Two bodies tightly locked in each others arms, young ladies apparently about 25 years of age, were found in one end of the orchestra pit. They must have fallen there from the balcony above.

The body of a dark-haired girl, apparently 12 years of age, was found impaled in the iron railing of the first balcony. She evidently had been thrown over from the second balcony above. With all of its clothing torn from it but a pair of base shoes, the body of a child about 6 years old was found in a far corner of the second balcony. It had evidently been knocked from its mother's arms and was trampled beyond all recognition.

## ELECTRICIAN'S STORY

### Iroquois Theater Attache Says There Was No Explosion.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Chief Electrician Bernard is at a loss to account for the origin of the fire. "I do not know anything about how it started," he said. "But I do not believe there was any explosion."

That there was no explosion was also insisted on by Stage Foreman William Salter, who was standing about 20 feet away from the electric searchlight. "I saw a flash, but there was no explosion. It an instant one of the foliage curtains was ablaze. I rang down the asbestos curtain right away and then seized a fire appliance. I hurled this at the searchlight once twice, three times, but it was too high for me. In the meantime, the asbestos curtain had come rolling down part way, but for the first time in its use it refused to come all the way. It stuck above our heads and I and others made frantic jumps at it but failed. By this time the whole fly curtains were a whirl of flames."

## Glass Soiling Agency a Failure.

The projected selling agency of the window glass manufacturers, for which a charter was secured two weeks ago under the caption of the Manufacturers' Window Glass Company with a capital of $1,000,000, has resulted in a failure. It was agreed between the men and manufacturers that 1,500 pots should subscribe to the new company, so that it could control the output. Thus the men would be guaranteed certain wages and the manufacturers could charge enough for the product to justify their payment. The failure leaves the manufacturers privileged to cut prices.

# DEAD AND DYING AT MORGUES AND HOSPITALS

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HELEN BEYERSLOTH, Evanston, Ill.
LOUIS KISNR and WIFE; said to have belonged to Blueheard company.
MRS. JOSEPHINE SPENCER; serious; at hospital.
MARY MUEGHER; at hospital.
EMERY HEWINS, Petersburg, Ind.; at hospital.
LILLIE ACKERMAN, at hospital.
A. C. JONES, usher, will die.
GEORGE SEXTON, Beloit, Wis.
WALTER THATCHER.
MRS. A. ALEXANDER.
M. B. RHIMES.
WILLIAM C. DENTAL.
HANNAH WEMFELD.
MISS LAURA BOLTE.
JOSEPHINE PILAT.
ROY GREENWALD.
MISS ESTELLE MUIR, at hospital.
LEONARD DIFFENDOR, aged 16, of Lincoln.
LOUISE DEE; will die; found late at night, after being reported missing.
WALTER B. ZEISLER, son of Mr. Zeisler of the University of Chicago, who is now in Europe.

### Partial List of Injured.

Following is a partial list of the injured.

WINIFRED LITZAY, 17 years old, burned on face and arms; taken home.
ANNA TUBBS, daughter of Charles Tubbs of the Western Union Telegraph Company, burned on face and hands.
EMMA GEBBS, waiter of Anna Tubbs, serious; taken to hospital.
ELIZABETH TROWERIDGE, seriously burned.
EMMA RINGSLAY, seriously; taken home.
MRS. C. FRANZ, Racine, Wis., at hospital; will die.
MRS. HELEN FLASH.
MRS. A. BRESSEN, unconscious when rescued.
FELIX AND JESSIE GUERRISA, children; will survive.
ORVILLE GADTKA, seriously.
REGAN DEIL, hands burned off; serious.
MRS. WIGWALL, may die.
WILLIAM M'LAUGHLIN, nephew of Dr. Frank Gunsaulus; serious.
MRS. MALIAN, serious; taken to hospital.
MRS. BRADWELL.
R. A. EVANS, member of "Bluebeard" company playing role of Mustapha Gallagher; taken out unconscious.
DOROTHY HARLOW, pony ballet, severe burns.
INN. BELLA WHITFORD, Queen of the Fairies; serious.
WARREN S. MORGAN, burned while rescuing his 3-year-old son.
MISS MARSELLA MORGAN, Detroit, severely burned; may die.
M. A. HERRIAM of George A. Fuller Company, injured while saving his 3-year-old daughter Mildred.
LESTER DOTY, 7 years old, son of L. V. Doty of Illinois Steel Company.
VERNE CLARK, unconscious.
MRS. HENRY MILLER, Ontonagon, Mich.
H. H. CHESTER, WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN, severely burned about head and body.
EARL HENNESSY, severely burned.
H. S. VAN INGINE AND WIFE, severely burned.
——— RIDMORE, severely burned.
——— HAPMAN, severely burned about arms and legs.
M. S. SCHALK, will die.
WILLIAM PATTEN, will die.
MRS. C. KIMBALL, will die.
SUSAN BEAHL, 16 years old, will die.
JESSIE PHELIN, will die.
MARGARET BUEHRMAN, will die.
RICHARD EMELANG, stage hand, will die.
MRS. M. LEHRMAN, serious.
MRS. FRANCIS LEHRMAN, will die.
MISS CARRIE ANDERSON, serious.
MRS. MABEL MIDMILLAN, fatal.
FRED CRAWFORD AND WILLIAM PATTERSON, young sons of C. Patterson of the Pullman Palace Car Company; all seriously injured.
ADELAIDE BAKER, serious:
——— POMEROY, serious.
EDDIE FOY, comedian, slight.
NELLIE STRANGER.
MRS. L. A. NELMS.
MRS. LENA MUELLER.
HELEN MUELLER.
MRS. WILLIAM MUELLER.
CORA FANTCHER.
C. C. BERRY.
A. B. STENSON, Madison, Wis.
JAMES SCHNEIDER.
ADOLPH WEZNE.
ALMA LINSCHUSKY.
EMORY HERVILLS, Pittsburgh.
MRS. C. H. PIER, serious.
MISS LIVINGSTON.
W. REINHART.
MISS MUERE, serious.
MRS. A. MUERE AND WIFE.
RALPH COMFER.
L. L. FELLEN, Elgin, Ill.
MISS NELLIE WILD.
MRS. GALLUP.
MRS. STRATTON.
MRS. M'OILL AND DAUGHTER JANE.
MRS. STEININGER.
S. A. KILROY AND DAUGHTER.
L. E. READ.
F. EVERTTT.
MRS. GEORGE EVERTT.
MISS STEWART.
WILLIAM SWICK.
MRS. JAMES HENNING.
MRS. D. SEELY.
MRS. J. J. JOHNSON.
MRS. JOHN HOLMES.
DAISY GARLAND.
JOHN KEEWIN.
——— FFY TREVELDER, at hospital.
——— JOSEPHINGER, at hospital.
LEWIS BUSHBACH, burned and crushed.
D. A. STRATTON, Alpena, Mich.
WILLIAM C. SELLERS.

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## DR. C. A. ARNOLD WAS BURIED IN EXPLOSION

### Natural Gas Blew Out Back Part of Two Houses, One the Doctor's.

A natural gas explosion at 2 o'clock this morning blew out the backs of two houses in the woods run district of Allegheny. Dr. Charles A. Arnold of 104 McClure avenue was buried by the explosion and is supposed to be seriously hurt.

Particulars were meager for some time after the explosion. The Allegheny police did not know what happened, but they decided first they knew about Dr. Arnold's injuries. Beating the woods run patrol wagon was sent for and took the doctor to St. John's hospital.

Dr. Arnold was taken to the hospital at 2:30. It was said there that it could not be determined for a while how serious his injuries were.

When the gas exploded the wood work in the cellar of Dr. Arnold's house caught fire, and a still alarm was sent in. The fire department responded but the fire was soon extinguished.

It was learned at 3:30 a. m. that Dr. Arnold entered his office, which is at No. 104 McClure avenue, and struck a match. The explosion followed.

### Stranded Actresses Sent Home.

Nellie Hoffman, Josephine West and Etta Lewis, members of the "Bohemian" company known as the "Bowery Masqueraders," who were stranded in Jeannette Sunday and cared for by the police of this city, left last night for their homes in New York. Director James W. Clark of the department of charities and corrections gave them transportation to New York. In addition the girls received a small sum of money donated by hotel and restaurant keepers of this city.

## EDDIE FOY HAD TO FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE IN FLAMES

### Tongues of Fire Leaped About Him as He Talked to Audience.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Eddie Foy, who as Sister Ann is the leading man in the Mr. Bluebeard company, after making a frantic effort to assure the audience at the Iroquois theater that there was no danger, called for the lowering of the fireproof curtain. It descended half way and but served as a flue for the devouring flames upon the stage.

Amid this inferno he fought his way to the rear of the stage and to the open, after seeing that all members of the company had gotten out of the burning building. Foy himself gives a graphic description of the scene tonight. He said:

"The fire began in the middle of the second act. An electric wire broke, was grounded, and from this flames were started in the rear of the stage. The stage is unusually wide and there was no great a draft the flames spread rapidly. They had attacked all the scenery in the rear. I never believed it possible for fire to spread so quickly.

"When it first started I went to the footlights, and to prevent alarming the audience said that there was a slight blaze, and that it would be better for all to leave quietly. Then I stepped back and called for the asbestos curtain to be lowered. This when about half way down refused to go further and thus an added draft was created. This swept the flames out into the auditorium and I knew that the theater was doomed. I hurried back to the stage and aided in getting the women members of the company into the alley.

"Some of them were in their dressing rooms and were almost overcome by smoke before they could get down to the stage and to the doors. The simple fact that the curtain did not descend entirely was what saved the lives of the company. Although it caused such a terrible catastrophe in the front of the house.

"After the curtain had refused to descend there came the explosion of gas which set fire to the terrible down all the fire and gas would have been confined between the rear wall of the theater and the fireproof curtain in front. Under these circumstances it would not have been possible for a single member of the company to have escaped, for he or she had been standing immediately in front of the door leading into the alley. As it was the draft carried all the gas and fire out beneath the company was saved, although their salvation was the death of so many poor people in front.

## TWO THEATERS CLOSE OUT OF RESPECT TO THE DEAD

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Two of the downtown theaters tonight closed their doors to patrons as a result of the fire. Both were playing bands, and it was in the stores which are owned by the proprietors of the ill-fated Iroquois. All other theaters remained open as usual and there was no perceptible falling off in the attendance.

# LIVES CRUSHED OUT IN PANIC

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fists, scores of fear-crazed mothers and fathers and brothers and sisters have only been saved from dashing into the ruins for their missing loved ones by force on the part of the police. Tears streaming down their faces, policemen are endeavoring to restrain these grief-stricken parents, shouting words of encouragement and hope above the roar of the firemen fighting the smouldering ruins.

Marshal Field & Co. have sent 500 blankets. These are being thrown over the blackened crisps that are being carried, like an endless chain, out of the black pit that marks the ax-cut tunnel to the smoking ruins.

### Little Children Murdered by Fiends.

Children were lying about, their skulls open, showing where they had been pounded and battered into the iron theater chairs when the human whirlpool swirled its way toward the doors. Mothers, with every stitch of clothing torn from their bodies, fought vainly to stop their bleeding faces with one hand and to soothe a battered, wounded child whom, by some miracle, surely, they had succeeded in boarding out of that human fighting crush with a spark of life still left in the little bodies. There were cases of this kind in great numbers.

Murmuring words of cheer in the aisles of wounded, lying on the blood-stained floors clotted with red, passed the chorus girls who had just escaped the flames, the cold biting at the light clothing which covered their bruised and battered bodies.

"They are banked in the galleries like rats burned and singed in a cage," came the cry, as the ax of the first policeman cut its way into the wreck of this portion of the gutted playhouse. Again the passing out blackened sticks, that looked like smoldered cordwood, began. Out along the lines of volunteers from the black maw of the ruin, these bodies were passed. "Over 370," said a sergeant, who had been keeping count as the wagons backed up to the ruined pile.

### Death's Awful Harvest Quickly Reaped.

Then the cry of warning was raised that the west wall of the gutted structure was swaying and was about to fall. With desperation the police beat back the crowd that lined the streets, men and women throwing cloaks and overcoats to the rescuers to cover the dead and dying. Of the audience of more than 1,800 crowded into the death trap, it was asserted that the final call would show more than one-third burned to death or suffocated in the flame-swept wreck.

With the flames in the theater finally out off after desperate work, the work of digging out the dead was resumed with renewed ferocity. New workers took up the axes and the shovels and plunged into the black pit. And always the black chain continued wagons whirling away with these pits to any room which could be turned into a death house. One of the bodies first taken out was found to be the daughter of Alderman Raymen.

As the workers penetrated the black of the ruins would with human forms became stumps, blackened and charred beyond all recognition. There was black, half-burned bones of torn, mangled bodies littered among the heaps of dead. Skulls had been crushed flat by the fall of the heavy beams of the balcony, or the gallery swept down their firebrands in the fiery flames that had poured about the bodies of the trapped unfortunates.

Bodies came out that looked like charred sticks, policemen and volunteers, their eyes raining tears, mercifully throwing blankets or coats over these sticks of black. Men cried like children as they hurried about aiding doctors in dressing the ripped skulls and the bleeding faces and mangled forms of those whose bodies still held a spark of life, though in many cases the agents of mercy knew that life was ebbing out with each passing minute. In the hastily improvised hospitals, where the business of the day had within a few minutes been turned, into the terrors of a battlefield, or a world shocking catastrophe, dozens died before the corps of physicians and nurses could reach them and attend to their horrible wounds. Here was the body of a boy, the brain still throbbing, where an ugly gash ran red with blood and showed the fractured bone. There lay a woman, her face crushed almost beyond recognition and her clothing torn to the last shred from her back. Here again a man, moaning with a cut that all but severed his arm, or a leg, or penetrated the lungs.

## MOTHER LOVE THE CAUSE OF THE DIRLFUL PANIC

### Instinct of Protection for the Little Ones Crazed All When Fire Broke Out.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—It was the presence of the children, hundreds of whom were in the audience, and the efforts of their frantic mothers, impelled by their first thought to seek the safety of their young, that caused much of the pandemonium. Alexander H. Revell had sent his daughter Margaret with a little friend, Elizabeth Harris, in charge of a maid, to see the performance.

Word reached him at his store of the fire and five minutes after it started he drove madly up to the scene. By the greatest good fortune, one of the first persons he encountered was the hysterical maid, who informed him that his daughter and her friend were safe.

"I worked in the upper balconies," said Mr. Revell. "The sight of those poor women and their little children, with clenched fists raised as though trying to beat their way to safety and stricken down in the very act, is too horrible for me to attempt to describe."

## FELL IN HEAPS FROM THEATER

### Eye Witness Tells of Start of the Fire and the Awful End.

### WILD RUSH FOR EXITS

### Usher Tried to Hold the Doors Against Frantic, Struggling Mass.

### MEN FELL AS RAIN DROPS

By FRANK HAUSSMAN.
Well-Known Baseball Player.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—"Charley Dexter and I were in the front upper box on the right hand side. We had just been talking about the double row of little boys and girls that filled the front balcony seats. The theater was dark for the second act and the stage was only partly lighted. Maybe a dozen of the chorus was on, singing 'I'll meet you in the moon's pale light,' when I noticed a little tongue of flame back in the flies on the other side of the stage. It was up just below the bottom of the drop curtain which was raised and looked just like somebody shaking a blazing handkerchief.

"'Charley,' says I, 'it's me to the exits. This may not be anything, but you know the dark little hall we had to come through.' So we made a quiet sneak before anybody in the audience knew anything was wrong. We had not any more than got to the next floor when the stage began to get smoky and you could hear the crowd in the theater begin to get worried. Just then Eddie Foy came out to the front of the stage and with the little blazing bits of scenery dropping back of him, he kept saying: 'Don't get frightened, sit still. It's only a little stage fire.' By this time the whole theater was in an uproar. Big chunks of blazing scenery began to fall. The girls on the stage were fainting, and Dexter and I rushed to a couple of exits on the east side.

"Open the doors," said I to an usher. "Wait till the drop curtain comes down," he said. By this time the crowd was getting wild and pushing against the doors. The stage was blazing. The usher did not move. Well, I grabbed the fellow and threw him as far as I could, and burst open the door. The minute it gave way the crowd shoved me with a rush and jammed me against a pair of iron doors that was locked. I felt of the latch and found it was like the one on my ice box at home. 'This is easy,' I said.

With a few wrenches I pulled open. At that minute a big sheet of blaze came out from the stage with a puff that drove the crowd mad. In the flash I saw Eddie Foy apparently buried in flames and before I could catch my breath the crowd caught me and almost threw me clear across the alley to State street.

In that alley was the most awful sight I ever saw. The fire escapes over the alley were packed with struggling people fighting to jump to the ground. They were falling like raindrops, and making a pile of dead and dying. One man landed on the mass of people and struggled to his knees, when a woman fell on his head and struck him dead. By this time the smoke was piling out of the door we had broken open and Dexter and I worked till we were exhausted, pulling out women and children who were overcome by the smoke and the horror.

It was terrible. Mostly women and children. Mothers calling for their little ones. Little girls screaming. A mass of crazy human beings almost tearing each other to pieces trying to crowd out of that one small opening that we had made.

## EDDIE FOY'S ESCAPE.

Eddie Foy, the comedian, who was in the Iroquois theater when the fire started, was in the Grand Pacific hotel in this city last night. He was accompanied by his wife and family. He was not injured, but was badly shaken up by the terrible experience. He left for the east this morning.

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## INTERESTED IN THE NIXON.

### The Officials of Chicago House Watched the Progress of the Pittsburgh Theater.

William Davis, manager, and Harry Powers, part owner of the Iroquois, have visited this city on numerous occasions principally to watch the progress made on the erection of the new Nixon theater in Sixth avenue. The Nixon is patterned largely after the Iroquois, and this fact added to Mr. Davis' and Mr. Powers' interest in the local playhouse.

Both attended the dedication of the Nixon, and while here admitted that it was equal to if not a better constructed building than the Iroquois. They stayed in Pittsburgh three days when the Nixon was opened during which time they became acquainted with many Pittsburghers.

### Another $3,000 for Butler.

Mayor Hays sent a check for $3,000 to Butler yesterday and received an acknowledgment of one for the same amount forwarded last Monday. There were no contributions made to the relief fund yesterday.


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# CAN ONLY BE LIKENED TO DANTE'S "INFERNO"

## William A. Brady Was in the Iroquois Theater Audience and Gives His Impression of the Horrible Speciacle.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—William A. Brady, the well-known New York theatrical manager, who was in the Iroquois theater audience at the time the fire started, said tonight:

"I had just got in from New York and reached the theater not more than 15 minutes before the fire broke out. It was one of the biggest audiences that I ever saw and I was unable to secure a seat. I was standing near the door when looking up I saw that the calcium light apparatus was out of order. Some one came on the stage and assured the audience that there was no danger and for them to keep their seats. Then a ballet dancer came on and performed, but in another second the whole balcony seemed to be in flames. Every one downstairs rushed for the doors and as far as I know no one in that part of the house was killed. It was upstairs where the smoke blown by the strong draft came in from the skylights, where death was dealt out to hundreds before they realized what had happened. Such a panic as followed the first cry of fire I have never seen in all my life.

"The stairways and exits became jammed with fighting humanity in a moment and the alleys and mouths of the poor people cut off from all escape was the most awful thing imaginable. It can only be likened to Dante's 'Inferno.' With two companions I tried to reach the balcony, but we were driven back by the suffocating smoke and were unable to accomplish anything until the firemen had extinguished the flames. Hundreds joined the rescuers and from one of the entrances to the balcony we removed 150 bodies by actual count. They were jammed and twisted together in all shapes. Many of the women and children had been stripped almost naked in their mad efforts to escape from that living tomb. If the audience had not become panic-stricken I am sure not more than 50 persons would have been killed or injured as all the bodies I helped to remove from the place were those of persons who had been killed in the terrible jam."

## SORROWING FOR LOVED ONES WHO CAME NOT

### Uncounted Scores of Chicago Houses Filled With Deepest Mourning.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—In hundreds of Chicago homes the lights will not go out tonight. Uncounted scores of pale and half-crazed women will wait and watch and hope as the slow hours drag by, praying that the missing ones who went away with a smile to an afternoon's pleasure may not be lying in a morgue, blackened and unrecognizable.

All night long men, women and children swarmed around the undertaking rooms where the bodies of the unknown dead lay piled like cordwood. Sick from weeding, they pleaded piteously with the policemen to let them in that they might seek for what they feared to find.

Every police station in the city was besieged by anxious inquiries for names, for the latest information for the awful details of the holocaust. The newspaper offices were invaded by a white-faced host, whose trembling lips stammered forth names of loved ones that had not come home with the dying day. Turned unsatisfied, half crazed from the relentless officers on duty at the morgue doors, they turned anywhere, everywhere for information that might relieve the fear and awful suspense. It was a night of agony not prayed for for many thousands who have not often crooked the knee nor turned their faces upward.

What they sought to learn was in many cases unknown to everyone whom they besought. Hundreds of dead, hundreds of wounded were whisked away to morgues and hospital without an attempt at identification. As the night wore on and the rows reached the outlying suburbs many more hundreds of white faced men and women hurried to the city to swell the crowds at the morgues and police stations. Scores of the attendants at the Iroquois theater this afternoon were from the suburbs and when they failed to return home on the evening trains a terror-stricken multitude set out cityward, hoping, praying and fearing.

## TWICE MORE GRUESOME THAN A BATTLEFIELD

### Bishop Samuel Fallows Helped to Carry Out the Victims from Theater.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Among the dead of persons who rushed to their when the call of fire was heard in streets was Bishop Samuel Fallows, happened to be passing the theater. Without fear or hesitation he made his way through the darkness that was intensified by the volume of smoke that filled the auditorium to the top gallery, and assisted in carrying out the victims.

"God forbid that I ever again see such a heartrending sight," said the bishop tonight. "I have been in wars and seen the bloody field of battle, but in all my experience I have never seen anything half so grewsome as the sight that met my eyes when, with the aid of a dim lantern, I was finally able to penetrate the inky darkness of that balcony.

"There was a pile of twisted and bleeding bodies 10 feet high, with blackened faces and remnants of charred clothing clinging to them. Some were alive and moaning in their agony. Others, and by far the greater number, were dead. I assisted in carrying many of the injured down, and ministered to them the best I could."

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# FEW PANICS IN PITTSBURGH

## Local Theaters Fortunate in Escape from Fires.

## NO LIVES WERE LOST

### Old Theatrical Man Tells of Stampedes of Audiences in Playhouses Here.

### TWO THEATERS WERE BURNED

The Chicago holocaust was the one topic of discussion by Pittsburgh theatrical men last night. They sat with their telephones connected with local newspaper offices and anxiously inquired for the latest bulletins from the scene of the catastrophe. All were personally acquainted with those who were caught in the death-trap and keenly felt the magnitude of the horror.

Manager Harry Davis of the Avenue and Grand opera house was among those who was especially thankful for his recent deliverance from the dangers of fire, but in reviewing the history of Pittsburgh theaters, it was developed that not a single life had been lost in a disaster similar to that which visited Chicago.

"We have had stampedes among Pittsburgh audiences and our theaters have been burned, but, singularly, we have escaped anything more serious than the loss of property."

**Old Theatrical Man's Experiences.**

The speaker was Rudolph Gardner of the Academy of Music, Pittsburgh's oldest theatrical man in Pittsburgh. Mr. Gardner was formerly the manager of Ben Trimble's Varieties in Penn avenue, and has been in the business over 40 years.

"There was once a stampede in the Academy," he said, "but the house was emptied in a few minutes. Fortunately, there was a small audience, and the people got down the stairways without serious harm. The Porter-Donaldson fire around the corner from the theater caused the panic that time and the theater was not damaged. Fools in the gallery have shouted fire in all theaters and the audiences have risen in alarm, but the officers have choked the perpetrators before a rush occurred.

"Right here, where the Academy stands, the old Melodeon theater was burned away back in the sixties. It occurred when there was no matinee and no person was injured. On Thanksgiving morning, 1877, Ben Trimble's Varieties was burned. It was a spectacular fire, but did nothing more than obliterate that famous old place of amusement. Altogether Pittsburgh has been fortunate in the matter of theater fires."

**Depends Upon the Audience.**

"Much depends upon the coolness of the audience," said one local manager. "When people become panic-stricken they will flee to certain death to escape imaginary dangers. A cool man on the stage will do wonders toward preserving order. Two weeks ago, when a fire was raging in a building adjoining the bijou stage, the audience sat through the entire performance. There were over 2,000 people in the house. No one knows what would have followed had the crowd taken alarm. All were perfectly safe, because the building is thoroughly protected against outside fires, but the audience naturally would not stop to think of this. Fortunately, the stage manager came out and jokingly referred to the fire and the audience sat there for an hour breathing smoke and showed no alarm.

"The cool manner in which the audience filed out of the Avenue a few weeks ago when the moving picture machine ignited speaks volumes for the deliberation of Pittsburgh audiences. The people should stop to consider that the greatest danger comes in a stampede.

**Local Theaters Quickly Emptied.**

"There is not a playhouse in this city that cannot be opened in five minutes. The Bijou can empty a crowded house in a little over two minutes. The same is true of the Alvin and the Nixon. The Academy and Duquesne can get its people out without rushing in even less time. The Empire, the Avenue and the Grand would not have a soul in it after five minutes from the drop of the curtain.

"One cold night in Baltimore a drunken man in the gallery of a burlesque house bellowed out 'Fire!' In an instant the audience was in an uproar. A man beside me immediately ran forward and sprang up on the stage, and in a moment was hugging one of the chorus girls. By that time the people had quieted down, and the stranger, after asking the girl to supper, resumed his seat in the orchestra and the show went on."

Among the Pittsburghers who were in the doomed Chicago theater yesterday were Thomas and James Cuff, scene shifters, who had been employed at the Grand. They joined Mr. Blueband here in October and accompanied the company on its western tour. They were members of the Theatrical Mechanics association, the Stage Employes union, Local No. 3 and the Bill Posters union, Local No. 3. Their Pittsburgh friends had heard nothing of them after the fire.

# TIDINGS OF DEATH TELEPHONED TO L. A. HEPPACK OF CHICAGO, WHO LOSES WIFE AND TWO BOYS

## He Had Been in Pittsburgh Attending the Meeting of Window Glass Manufacturers—Overcome by the News.

"It's awful. My wife and two boys are dead. They are still in the ruins. I bought tickets for them before leaving Chicago. It's my fault."

In these disconnected sentences Louis A. Heppach of Tyler & Heppach, window glass jobbers of Chicago, told of news received over the long-distance telephone at the Hotel Henry at 8 o'clock last evening. He had been in Pittsburgh the last two days attending the meeting of window glass manufacturers held to organize a selling agency. The meeting adjourned Tuesday evening, and while here he decided to visit the glass works at Kane, Pa. He returned from that place in time for supper at the hotel.

Heppach had arranged to leave the city on the 7:30 p. m. train over the Pennsylvania, but he says something indescribable held him back. While in the lobby conversing with friends word reached the hotel of the accident at the Iroquois. The news stunned him and a premonition told him his family had been killed.

It was several minutes before Heppach gained sufficient strength to speak. Then he said that on Saturday his wife asked him to secure tickets for the matinee at the Iroquois. He purchased them, thinking he would be back in Chicago in time to attend the play with his family, but the visit to Kane detained him.

Mr. Heppach lives in Randolph street, near the theater. In his house is a long-distance telephone. He entered a booth in the Hotel Henry and called up his own home. His brother answered the call. The brother was asked regarding his wife and returned this answer:

"She and the two children are in there. They are dragging out the dead. Six hundred killed."

With this information Mr. Heppach left the booth and in a few seconds collapsed. He was taken to his room in the hotel, and his friends arranged to send him home on the Limited. A cab was secured, but he had not the strength to walk and was carried to the vehicle. At the Union station he still showed weakness and needed assistance.

H. P. Cole and Charles Belknap of Rice & Co. of Chicago, who were also attending the window glass meeting, accompanied him on the train.

Thomas Spillane of Kane, Pa., had this to say: "After the meeting Tuesday I invited several of the glass manufacturers to visit our works. Mr. Heppach accepted, with several others. He was jovial all day until about 3 o'clock, when he said he did not feel good. Something was apparently worrying him, and we concluded it was the fact that the meeting was not successful. After hearing the direful news we at once decided he had a premonition that his wife had met with an accident. Heppach is a fine gentleman. He is honest, energetic and always of a pleasant disposition."

# PASSENGERS ON LIMITED FEARING THE WORST

## Sent Telegrams to Their Homes in Chicago to Be Answered at Ft. Wayne.

The passengers on the Pennsylvania Limited knew nothing of the accident to the Iroquois until after the train pulled into the Union station last night at 9 o'clock. John Flowers, the veteran newsboy, called out "Chicago papers," and when passengers purchased he told them of the accident. It soon spread through the train and about 12 passengers got off to hear more details.

Some had families in Chicago, while others had not. Those that had became excited and rushed to the telegraph office to send messages asking for information, to be answered at Ft. Wayne. Until the train reached that place they were sleepless, impatient and expectant of bad news.

H. B. Vancamp of LaSalle street has a wife in Chicago, but said he did not think she attended the theater yesterday. "When I left home two weeks ago," he said, "my wife told me I would have to take her to the theater when I returned. I promised I would. I do not think she would go herself, knowing I was on my way home."

Robert Wilson of Webster street, Chicago, was another passenger on the limited. "I have a wife and two daughters," he said. "Occasionally they attend the theater while I am away. They visited the Iroquois two weeks ago, and I hope they were not there today." He sent a telegram asking if his family was all right, and requested an answer at Ft. Wayne. As the train pulled out he said, "I shall feel uneasy until I reach Ft. Wayne to learn what is in store for me. I hope for good news."

E. B. Austin of Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, said: "Since leaving home three weeks ago I received word that my sister, Mrs. Joseph Mannington of Joliet, Ill., was paying my wife a visit. I received a letter Sunday in New York stating that my sister was going home and that my wife was going to accompany her. She asked me to continue to that place, instead of stopping at Chicago. It is possible they visited the Iroquois this afternoon before leaving for Joliet. I have telegraphed to Chicago and Joliet regarding them. I expect an answer at Ft. Wayne when I get there."

Harry Brady of State street, Chicago, spent yesterday in Latrobe. He represents a silk goods house. "I received a letter this morning from my wife," said he, "saying she had secured tickets for the Iroquois Saturday evening. By this I know my wife is not among the unfortunates."

# COMPANY WAS ANXIOUS TO APPEAR IN CHICAGO

## Expected to Make a Record in the New Iroquois Theater.

There are few men in Pittsburgh better acquainted with the members of the "Bluebeard" company than Frank A. Brobst, proprietor of the Hotel Lincoln. When the company was filling its engagement at the Alvin the artists stayed at the Lincoln, during which time Mr. Brobst became personal friends with them all.

"I have known Harry Gilfoil for several years, and to know that he may be among the victims of the Iroquois disaster thrills me. Bonnie Maginn and Herbert Dillen were also my personal friends. It seems as if my relatives had met with mishap, instead of my former guests.

"While in Pittsburgh all of them were anxiously waiting for the time to arrive to appear on the stage at the dedication of the Iroquois. They were building up hopes that they would make a record for the company never before attained. I promised Mr. Gilfoil that the next time I visited Chicago I would call on him at the theater, and also attend the performance. I was in Chicago two weeks ago, and both Gilfoil and Dillen escorted me through the playhouse. They pointed out to me the splendid arrangement of the interior, particularly calling my attention to the numerous exits in case of fire. The theater was certainly magnificent."

Mr. Brobst was formerly connected with the Palmer house, in Chicago, for nine years. It was while at this hotel that he gained a wide acquaintance, not only with actors, but with the leading business men and politicians of the country.

# OWNER NIXON PROSTRATED BY THE THEATER CALAMITY

## Fred Nixon Nirdlinger Says His Father Thought the New House Was Proof Against Fire.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU, Press Building, PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 30.

The news of the fire at the Iroquois theater, Chicago, with terrible loss of life, was received in this city with many expressions of horror.

To Messrs. Nixon and Zimmerman, part owners of the ill-fated playhouse, the news was an awful blow.

Samuel F. Nixon was so overcome that he broke down completely.

The theater was not insured. The press of business since the opening had been so great that the management postponed the placing of insurance until after the holiday season.

J. Fred Nixon-Nirdlinger, manager of the Park theater in this city, said that his father, Samuel F. Nixon, had been ill for some time and that the news of the disaster had so unnerved him that he was compelled to go to bed.

"It certainly was a great shock to father," he said. "The Iroquois was regarded by him as one of the safest and handsomest theaters in the country. It was the apple of his eye. I have received very few details and consequently do not know to what extent the theater was damaged. The death list is appalling.

"The Iroquois was owned by Messrs. Nixon and Zimmerman of this city, William J. Davis and Harry J. Powers of Chicago, and Klaw & Erlanger of New York. I cannot understand how the fire originated. I have been informed that the blaze started behind the stage and was communicated to gas tanks which exploded. I attended the opening of the Iroquois, which occurred on November 23, the attraction being 'Mr. Bluebeard.'

"Father and myself became especially interested in the question of protection from fire. I personally inspected the house from top to bottom. I found it absolutely fire proof in every respect. There was nothing used in its construction of an inflammable character. It was all concrete and iron, the floors were also concrete and there was an iron rigging loft. The building was steel throughout. As the theater cost a half million dollars, there was every reason for it being perfect in this respect.

"Until we learn more definitely to what extent the playhouse was damaged it will be impossible to state what steps will be taken for its reconstruction."

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# GREATEST DANGER COMES FROM FIRE ON THE STAGE

## Manager E. J. McCullough Explains Why the Disaster Was So Terrible.

"The greatest danger from fires in theaters comes from the stage, where it is impossible to entirely eliminate wood in the construction," said E. J. McCullough, manager of the Empire theater, who has had many experiences with blazes in amusement houses. "It is needless to say that the disaster at the Iroquois theater is worse than anything we have ever had in this country. As soon as I heard of it I thought that the trouble had started on the stage, either from crossed wires or the explosion of a gas tank used for calcium purposes.

"I have absolutely no faith in the so-called fire-proof buildings, especially theaters. Presence of mind is needed more than anything else. It is a wonder that the asbestos curtain was not lowered when the fire started. This may have been done.

"It is a surprise to me that the flames should have spread so rapidly, especially to the front of the house. I can understand how the audience was stampeded. However, with the great amount of scenery 'Bluebeard' carries, one can realize what an easy thing it would be for a fire to simply gobble up everything in sight. With such a start the wooden floor, lofts, bridges, etc., would make more fuel. The heat from this would be great enough to set fire to all inflammable material in the auditorium and, in fact, simply roast the escaping audience. From the accounts, this evidently is what happened.

"No, there has never been a more horrible theater fire in this country, and I know of them all. Pittsburgh has been, fortunately, free from them. The blaze in the Avenue a few weeks ago was about the most serious one we have ever had. When I managed the Duquesne we had a close call from a fire just in the rear, and in 1880, when Harry Ellsler managed the Grand opera house, that building narrowly escaped being burned. I believe the Pittsburgh houses are pretty well equipped for such emergencies. The fire in Chicago will be a lesson to every manager and architect in the world.

"My deepest sympathy goes out to S. F. Nixon and his associate partners."

**Think They Have a Pickpocket.**

James Allen, alias James Ross, was arrested in Allegheny yesterday at the request of the Pittsburgh police. Allen is said to be a pickpocket who has been working the street cars in both cities for several weeks.

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There is a story out that when Col. Loree takes charge of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific it will become an affiliation of the Pennsylvania railroad system. Stranger things have happened. It is probable, however, this report is based upon conjecture. Naturally Mr. Loree will be looking for business and good connections, and it is not improbable this may lead him into friendly relations with Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio.

Sale of the $550,000 Allegheny road bonds has been finally effected at par, the purchaser to pay the state tax. They go to New York. A Pittsburgh bid was made on slightly better terms, but was not received until the bonds had been awarded. Allegheny county has sold bonds at better rates, but the bids in this case do not reflect any doubt about the security, but the stringency of money. Considering conditions, the bonds have sold well. Incidentally the statement is made that the county has already built 144 miles of good roads under the local option act and is now in the foremost rank in that respect.

It is stated upon authority that a part, at least, of the West End street cars will be run up to and over the Smithfield street bridge. No doubt all would be operated over that route at once but for the congestion of traffic on Smithfield street. However, a turn down Third avenue might be made without adding enormously to the crowding on Smithfield. Meanwhile the citizens of the West End in mass meeting assembled have expressed their sentiments and relieved their feelings somewhat. Further congestion of traffic on principal streets is not to be courted, but safety should be the first object even if it involves the giving of transfers at the south end of Smithfield street bridge.

Tammany's victory in New York city has been given undue prominence as an indication of Republican weakness. As a matter of fact, general election results were very favorable to Republican prospects, in the presidential election. In 1898 the Republican plurality for governor outside of New York city was 102,316. Figures compiled by the Republican state committee and recently given out show that in the recent election of members of the legislature the Republican plurality outside of New York was 112,855. Including New York city, and despite Tammany's large gains, the Republican plurality was 27,647. Such a result when there was no state ticket in the field gives ample ground for confidence as to the result of the presidential election, with Roosevelt as the party candidate.

There are signs that the progress of the protection movement in Great Britain excites much uneasiness in Germany, the growth of whose commerce owes much to the free trade policy of England. The commercial treaty between Great Britain and Germany expired in 1898, but has been virtually kept in force by grants of discretionary authority to the government to continue the "most-favored-nation" treatment of Great Britain and her colonies. The question of allowing this policy to be continued was recently discussed in parliament, government officials deprecated any action that might provoke tariff war, and this position elicited marked sympathy in the reichstag. The Social Democrats, in most things the opponents of government policy, were quite in accord on this point, and the motive was made clear in a speech of one of the Socialist leaders, who referred to the way in which "Mr. Chamberlain's propaganda was beginning to take hold of the masses of the people," as a caution against doing anything to irritate British sentiment as regards commercial relations.

The Russian government has granted a subsidy to a Russian steamship line to run between Odessa and New York, touching at Naples. The line is composed of vessels distinced from transport service to the East by the completion of the Siberian railway. The reason given for the selection of the route is quite interesting to us, since it is that a paying field of operations is afforded by the fact that the emigrant traffic to this country "is exceptionally heavy and progressive." The mission of the new enterprise which the Russian government subsidizes is to increase the dumping upon this country of the surplus population of Southern European countries. It opens a drain, as it were, to carry off elements of the population Russia wants to get rid of. For instance if the Jews of Kishineff complain of the treatment they endure, they can be told that if they do not like conditions there Odessa is not far off, where they can embark for America. It is quite probable that if they lacked the means assistance would be extended for that purpose. Even without the contribution which the new line will make immigration for the present year beats all records. At New York alone the number of immigrants exceeds 620,000, nearly 75,000 more than the highest previous record.

That Austria did exercise a veto power at the last session of the papal conclave has been a well-established fact. It has recently been officially admitted by the Austrian government. At the recent meeting of the Austro-Hungarian delegations, Count Goluchowski, the imperial chancellor, said it was a fact that the veto had been exercised, but emphatically denied that it had been done at the instigation of allied powers. He gave a long vindication of the right of veto, claiming that although not based upon fixed law or expressly recognized by the church, it had become a right by usage. It was not exercised as a definite prerogative, but simply expressed in the form of a wish or a warning, and as such had been respected by the sacred college, and results showed that it was not incompatible with the welfare of the church. The possession of the power by Austria to interfere with the action of a body meeting in Italy to fill an office also situated in Italy cannot be agreeable to the Italian government, and its conspicuous assertion gives additional complications to the relations between church and state in Italy.

## *Chicago Theater Disaster.*

Horror upon horror! The Chicago theater disaster comes as a climax to the series of slaughters that mark the closing days of 1903. The last we hope and certainly not the least catastrophe of a year that has witnessed more than a fair share of sudden death and sorrow. Beside this holocaust the railroad wrecks of last week shrink to small proportions, terrible as they were. The known death list exceeds 700 and may reach nearly 800, when all have been counted, ranking it as the worst of all theater calamities in this country. It far exceeds the Brooklyn theater fire and panic of more than 20 years ago, where Kate Claxton and company were producing the "Two Orphans."

It is reported that the fire was started by the crossing of wires connected with the stage light, used in connection with the spectacular features of "Mr. Bluebeard." The spark communicated to draperies and scenery. Then followed the awful panic with the harvest of death. Architect Marshall, in this city at the time, declared he would never design another theater with wood in its construction. It is doubtful, however, whether an absolutely fireproof construction would have averted the appalling loss of life. It was the visible flame that caused the panic, though it is possible a knowledge that the building could not burn might have reassured the audience. It is not possible to say with certainty. As for exits, the architect says there were plenty, though he deplores the use of stairs. Of course, the inclined plane is preferable, but the trouble was not with the stairs. One of the survivors says the doors to the fire exits were locked. He tried several, always with the same result. The panic-mad crowd rushed one way, or it might have burst doors from their hinges. It might not have discovered the exits had they been open.

Theater construction has been greatly improved under the impulse given from time to time by disasters. Much attention has been given to providing exits and to making appliances more safe. Yet we are now contemplating the greatest of theater accidents in one of the most modern structures. Something more is needed. Fire exits must be constructed to open at the touch of a button, just as the hatches of a battleship close at the will of the man on the bridge. That is half of the lesson. The other half is that theaters must have a trained man on the bridge. He should be equal to any emergency, as courageous as the commander of a cruiser, as self-possessed as an admiral under fire. Audiences should be better informed of their surroundings. The trouble is that the public forgets and theater managers grow indifferent. On the line of battleship every man is impressed with the sense of danger; in the theater all try to forget it. The one is hardly more dangerous than the other and ever active caution is the only means of safety.

## *Absurd Senate Secrecy.*

The nomination of Brig.-Gen. Wood for promotion to be major general in the army of the United States became executive business of the senate when it reached that body, and the inquiry by the committee on military affairs into his record and into the charges that were made against him, being in effect a part of the executive proceedings of the senate, was all behind closed doors. The public received more or less information as to the testimony for and against Gen. Wood in the secret sessions of the committee, and it has the word of Secretary Root for it that some, at least, of the matter that was given to the newspapers was not merely colored, but was the reverse of the testimony that was actually given. He cited the declaration of one witness that he had testified wholly in Gen. Wood's favor, whereas the reports made it appear that he testified against him. This assertion was made over the signature of the witness as well as by Secretary Root.

There is executive business of the senate that ought, perhaps, to be kept secret, and senators may urge the difficulty of drawing the line between business that ought to be secret and business that might with entire propriety be as public as the ordinary legislative proceedings. But it is quite plain to the ordinary man that such matters as the inquiry into the record of Gen. Wood ought to be made in the open, so to speak, and under the sunlight. When Admiral Schley's conduct was the subject before a naval court of inquiry, the proceedings were open to the public, and the public, at the end of it, was able from daily perusal of the testimony to form a judgment of the character of this particular public servant. Why, it may be asked, should another inquiry equally important to the public take place in private merely because the board of inquiry was a committee of the senate with the duty of reporting to the senate in executive session instead of a military or naval court whose duty it was to report to the actual executive branch of the government? The absurdity of shrouding one inquiry in secrecy in the face of the fact that the other took place in the presence of the whole people of the United States appears on the face of the matter.

If the Wood inquiry had been as public as the Schley inquiry there could be no room to question the accuracy of the reports sent out. No one could complain that the records in the Schley case had been falsified, and no one could make just complaint of garbled and false reports. Interpretations of the testimony differed, but nothing more. Our senators ought to take to heart this example set them by another branch of the government and take steps to bring more of their executive business into the light, in justice to persons concerned, and in justice to the people, whose servants the senators are.

## *Japan's Declaration.*

Japan's notice to the representatives of foreign governments that the situation is well-nigh unbearable, and that if the reply of Russia is not satisfactory, Japan will be compelled to strike, is ominous. Oddly enough, just when this information is made public London diplomatic circles grow more hopeful, basing their hope upon the strenuous efforts of M. Delcasse, French minister for foreign affairs, to prevail upon Russia to make a compromise that will preserve the peace. London diplomatists have great faith in the influence of M. Delcasse with the Russian government.

At the same time the tone of the St. Petersburg press has become less conciliatory. Novoe Vremya declares that while Russia desires peace it is in no mood to sacrifice all of its interests in the far east to secure it, especially when it is in good position to defend its rights. It is also notable that war preparations on both sides are going forward with the utmost energy and marine risks continue to advance, being on a war basis.

Of one thing—and one thing only—we may be sure. The present tense situation cannot last a fortnight beyond the advent of the new year. There will be war or the beginning of a compromise that may hold for peace for several years. Japan is waiting with impatience for Russia's reply and upon that reply hangs the destinies of nations.

## *Cuba Is Acting for Cuba.*

Some disquiet has been caused by reports that Cuba will revise her tariff now that the reciprocity bill has been passed with a view to making the preferences given to American products under that treaty as small as possible in their effect upon Cuban revenues. This excites the fear that the changes may be inimical to American interests, and hence very mean behavior in view of what we have done for Cuba.

This takes a wrong view of the relations between states which are governed by different ethical principles than those which apply to relations between persons. Private individuals may act upon altruistic considerations and deserve credit for doing so, but it should be noted that transfers of benefit thus inspired involve no privation to the community as it includes all parties to the transaction. A state, however, is in the position of a trustee, who has no right to indulge impulses of generosity which would be quite proper in an individual using his own means, but who is bound to act in all things solely for the advantage of the trusts confided to her care. There is no altruistic purpose in the organization of a state; it exists for the advantage of its own members and self-interest is its proper guide. In making Cuba an independent state, we should abide by the consequences of our gratuitous act, and if in the pursuit of its own interests Cuba antagonizes our interests, we have no right to complain so long as Cuba does not transcend the legitimate powers of independent sovereignty. If the consequences be not to our liking, we should reproach ourselves and not Cuba.

Considerations of this kind really furnished the strongest argument in favor of the reciprocity treaty and not any supposed moral obligation we were under to Cuba. It is to our interest to include her in our commercial system so as to engage her interests to the advantage of our political security. It is doubtful whether the commercial interests that may be developed will be strong enough to prevent the political development of Cuba from striking out in lines inimical to our national interests, but it is sound policy to strengthen our influence over her behavior in every possible way.

Our cockadoodle friend, the Post, said something nice yesterday morning about the United States in contrasting the money-raising power of this country at the beginning of the Spanish war with the present strain on the credits of Japan and Russia. Of course, if it be treason, some one will have to make the most of it.

A large number of people, who remember the promises with regard to Manchuria and what didn't happen, would feel more certain that there would be no massacre at Kishineff if the government had fixed the date for it.

Those anarchists who held a reunion in Havana and resolved to hold an international congress at the St. Louis exposition may discover that St. Louis is a very warm place in summer, especially for anarchists.

Mr. Bryan leaves Europe for home with his views on silver unchanged. He will find on his return that the views of the United States also remain unchanged.

According to the clerk of the weather, it was cold, but not a warm. However, it got there just the same.

It's a matter of only a few hours for 1903, but 366 days are coming to 1904.

This is when 1903 calendars disappear from the wall.

## The Quiet Observer

ERASMUS WILSON.

Do you swear—use cuss words, or big oaths—in order to make people think you are a regular devil of a fellow?

Most young men are in the habit of swearing. Yes, most young men are. You may feel inclined to doubt this statement, but it is correct.

Possibly the young men with whom you associate do not swear, at least not in your presence; but even if this be true it does not disprove the broad statement that most young men swear.

Why do they do it?

There is a problem that is even more difficult than the ones involving dancing, card playing and gum chewing. And its solution seems to fall to the lot of the preacher or moral teacher.

One of the astonishing things about the swearing habit is that so many boys and young men whose parents are good Christians, or at least good church folks, are notably profuse in the use of popular cuss words and big, resounding oaths. Not a few of these swearers seem to take pride in referring to the strictness with which they were brought up.

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In a reminiscent article Thomas Wentworth Higginson recalls a meeting of the Atlantic club, at which Mrs. Stowe and Miss Harriet Prescott were guests of honor. Dr. Holmes, although Mrs. Stowe's escort, devoted nearly the whole time spent at the table to demonstrating to Dr. Stowe that all swearing doubtless originated in the free use made by the pulpit of sacred words and phrases.

How will that do for a sinner?

Some of the more venerable readers may be able to recall the times when sacred words and phrases were not used in the music books from which young people learned to sing.

This was objected to on the ground that the ballad or ditty became so closely associated with the tune that when it came to be applied to a psalm, hymn or spiritual song it rendered it difficult, if not impossible, to sing with the spirit and with the understanding. Hymns were gradually substituted for the ballads and ditties, and finally psalms and spiritual songs were irreverently sung in singing schools.

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The free and unstricted use of sacred names and phrases in Sunday schools has been cited as having a tendency to rob them of their sanctity by rendering them too familiar and commonplace.

"Familiarity breeds contempt," said the old-fashioned copy book.

It is argued, and with no little force, that boys having no idea, or at least no adequate conception of the sacredness of the names of Diety, are disposed to use them as freely as their teachers and instructors, especially when not taught to respect these names, and to use them only in their proper places, and on fitting occasions.

May this not account for the shockingly reckless manner in which school boys, and Sunday school boys, too, bandy these names about?

At least it is an element in the problem, if not an essential factor.

But you are ready to say that girls are taught the same lessons, and they don't swear. Don't be too sure about that.

However, most girls do not swear—that is, not to the extent of using real cuss words, but they do sling slang more or less. Besides, women are not supposed to swear like troopers, nor do they; consequently their daughters grow up with the notion that it is not the proper thing to do, because mother doesn't do it.

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Haven't your noticed that when a woman attempts to swear she goes about it very awkwardly and with more or less trepidation, although she were about to do a wrong thing? Instead of blurting out an oath boldly and in full voice, like a man, she hesitates, changes her tone, and makes a botch of it. After it is out she appears to be ashamed, and seeks to make amends by pretending she didn't mean it, or that she didn't go to do it, or shirks responsibility by adding to the bad word that old, thread-bare screen, "as the feller said when he hit the wrong nail."

But when a woman does become handy in using bad words she can't be beat. In fact, a profane woman is about the profanest thing on earth. She gilds her profanity with billingsgate, and gives it a wire edge that makes your flesh creep to think of.

It is held by some of those who have given the matter careful attention, that swearing indicates a poverty of words, or a lack of ability to express ideas clearly and freely. This may apply to men, in a measure, but not to women, for the reason that they are very ready in expression by word of mouth, even if they are slow with the pen. Besides, many notably clever conversationalists among men pepper their talk quite freely with oaths and bad words that are entirely superfluous.

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Then, some want to distinguish between profane and plain swearing. They would confine the former oaths in which a name of Diety, or some sacred phrase, is incuded. This would classify the universal bad word, damn, either with or without a big D, with injocuous epithets and bywords.

They contend that were this done it would knock out all the popular substitutes for this big bad word, such as darn, dang, ding, drat, dum, etc.

You will notice that all, or nearly all, swear words begin with d. The probable reason for this is that when a fellow wants to relieve an excess of nervous energy he naturally chooses an expletive that is explosive in character. By experimenting with words beginning with other letters you will find none of them equal d in potentiality.

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Profane swearing is one of the symptoms of insanity. Not that all who swear profanely are necessarily insane, nor that all who are insane are given to outbursts of profanity; yet it is one of the reliable symptoms of a disordered brain.

Some of the cases on record, or known to intimate friends, present very sad phases. Women of excellent families, educated, cultured and refined, astonish and horrify their friends by cursing and swearing fluently and most profanely on the least provocation. In other respects they appear to be entirely sane, but they are invariably suffering from nervous irritability suggestive of brain lesion.

In two cases that are readily recalled, the victims of this dreadful malady lived for many years any enjoyed fairly good health, but upon becoming excited, and with certain changes of the weather, they would take those fits of cursing and swearing, and neither coaxing or threatening had the effect of quieting them. Nor did they appear to suffer remorse after the fit had passed off, but seemed to feel that their conduct was justifiable.

The fact that atmospheric conditions influenced these moods would naturally lead to the conclusion that they were due to some disease located in the air passages and in close proximity to, or in contact with the thin floor of the skull.

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Among the notable cases reported some years ago was that of a popular and greatly beloved Protestant bishop, who was subject to swearing fits. Being unable to control them by his will power or otherwise he made a clean breast of the whole matter before the board of bishops. He asked for their united prayers, and special prayers of the church were asked for the benefit of the sorely afflicted brother.

Finding that did not help him to any appreciable extent he offered to resign, but he was prevailed upon to take a trip abroad, which he did without much change for the better. He then became imbued with the notion that he had been given over to evil, and gradually became more and more melancholy, until finally his mind gave way.

While comparatively few of those who swear profanely are afflicted as in the cases cited, the habit is indicative of irritability of brain, uncontrolable temper, lack of refined sensibilities or of something being wrong in the make-up of the individual. True, there are those who swear purely from force of habit and don't care if they do not.

A most profuse swearer in the presence of men says he never swears when in the presence of ladies, or when at home with his family, nor does he have to make the least effort to refrain from it.

### Glamor for the Canal.

The clamor of the south for ratification of the Panama treaty is described by the opposition as yielding to the demands of commercialism, and in that sense is represented to be discreditable to the Democrats. But all the north and all the world, for that matter, must be a victim of the same sordid consideration, for the desire for the canal is universal. The only conspicuous opponents of the enterprise are a few salaried statesmen at Washington who are away above the mean, plebeian influences of trade.—Memphis Scimitar.

## Talked of in New York

GEORGE C. JENKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—It is long since an innovation of any kind has caused such a panic on Broadway as has been achieved by Harrison Grat Fiske in reducing the price of orchestra tickets from $2 to $1.50. Every other theater manager of sports with disdain. They won't reduce their prices—not they, just because Mr. Fiske tacitly admits that his entertainment is not worth $2 a head. Nearly all of the managers along Broadway have been interviewed, and the general expression is that the public is willing to pay $2 a seat if the goods are worth the money. It remains to be seen whether Mr. Fiske's drop in prices will prove to be good business. There are a few theaters in Manhattan which may be regarded as almost, if not quite, first-class, so far as the quality of the performance goes, where the best seats are only $1.50, and the managers make money.

The argument of the authorities in the $2 houses is that it is impossible to make productions with the care and completeness demanded in these times unless the price of admission is maintained at its present figure. There is much in support of this assertion. When old playgoers think of the way "productions" were made 15 or 20 years ago, and compare them with the realism of the present day, they can see that a great deal heavier expenditure is demanded now for scenery, costumes, lighting and general equipment. Then there are the salaries of actors, which are at high water mark. With all this, Mr. Fiske is satisfied that his move is a wise one. He is a shrewd observer of things theatrical, both as dramatic editor and manager, and no doubt weighed arguments pro and con for many months before taking his present step.

### Men Take Ghastly Chances.

There is something extraordinarily ghastly about the expression, "caisson crazy." A man goes into the awful hole, under a pressure of three atmospheres, to get his $1 an hour, knowing that before his three-hour stunt is over he may be brought out a raving maniac. If he escapes this, he may be partly paralyzed. If he is a new hand, he will certainly have hemorrhages from the nose and ears and perhaps a fainting fit. Such work must be done, however. It is in progress in this city today, at the foot of Pike street, where foundations for the approach to the new Manhattan bridge are being dug. One poor fellow was taken out yesterday so distraught that a doctor or two, the conflict, and provoked to the last point of endurance by the constant pin pricks inflicted on the national vanity by Muscovite insolence and aggression. An ominous feature of the situation was the unprecedented rebuke by the lower house of the Japanese legislature of the pacific and patient course of the ministry in the negotiations at Tokyo. The war spirit is unmistakably to the fore in the Japanese people, and no vital concessions to Russia would be brooked.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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Japan, of course, has by far the heaviest stake in checking the avalanche-like advance of Russian influence down the Korean peninsula. The feeling among her friends in Europe is that she will never have a better chance than she has now to resist that advance by force. They believe that Russia is playing for time, and will not hesitate to force a fight upon the Japanese when she finds herself prepared for trying conclusions in that manner. What course Great Britain would pursue in such a contingency is problematic. She is only bound by her treaty with Japan to support her ally by arms in case other European powers join Russia in her aggressions. The Times correspondent at Peking complains bitterly that "Great Britain is not prepared for any eventualities strictly in accordance with precedent," but asserts that Japan is "completely ready."—Buffalo Commercial.

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The emergency ordinances just promulgated by the Japanese government may preserve peace in the east by presenting the proof that Japan is prepared to fight. It now remains to be seen whether Russia will draw back as the result of this pointed notice that Japan is ready. According to pro-Russian advices, Russia would be willing to do so if it were not for the evidence that England is already compensating herself, by the Tibetan expedition and the Yang-tse railways, for what Russia is going to take. Russia can respect the necessities of Japan's position, but can she consent to leave England ahead in the game?

Thus the Russian chauvinistic reasoning presents the matter. If the decision rested with chauvinists like Admiral Alexieff, there might be war in the east at the drop of the hat. The world will trust that in the heart and mind of the autocrat of all the Russias there reside a sentiment of reason and moderation and a love of peace that will yet prevent the explosion.—New York Mail and Express.

## PERSONALS

W. S. Shallenberger, fourth assistant postmaster general, visited Pittsburgh Wednesday on business matters connected with the Merchants and Mechanics bank of which institution he is a director. In an interview he said the United States will have no trouble with Colombia.

The Rev. Joshua E. Wills, pastor of the Tabernacle, Philadelphia, and for several years pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, is visiting members of his former charge. He is the guest of James Brown of Ingram.

Miss Annie M. Humphries, who has been ill for 10 weeks at Passavant hospital, where she had an operation performed, left the city today for her home at Vance Mills, Pa., accompanied by her father, R. J. Humphries.

At the close of court today John C. Haymaker will terminate his career as district attorney of Allegheny county. A number of his most intimate friends at the bar have arranged a mock trial with John S. Robb, Sr., William A. Blakeley and William J. Brennen as judges. Papers in a suit and answers written in humorous style, have been filed accusing Mr. Haymaker of taking away certain glory and numerous honors that belong to others. This he denies, at the same time declaring the judges cannot write and have no jurisdiction. He admits he had to break out of the district attorney's office or he might have been there for life. William B. Rodgers and J. F. Burke represent the petitioners, and Walter Lyon and John Marron will defend Mr. Haymaker.

John H. Jones of Harrisburg, arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Colonial hotel. He is representing a New York house handling drygoods. He said: "In visiting sundry towns between here and Altoona I find the men are crying a reduction of wages. Those belonging to the union seem averse to a reduction, but, nevertheless, they are expecting it to come. Few of the mines are running full time and many are closed down entirely."

### Neighbors Visiting Pittsburgh.

The nearby residents registered at the local hotels last night were as follows:

Seventh Avenue—J. S. Miller, Mt. Pleasant; T. F. Hogue, Wheeling; J. F. Koechler, Warren; B. E. Colling, Oil City; R. D. Hyde, Charleroi.

Griswold—Joseph Bray, Youngstown.

Monongahela House—L. Deal, Meyersdale; J. F. Irwin, Connellsville.

Colonial—S. F. Brown, Greensburg; R. G. Suthers, East Palestine.

Lincoln—Ernest Wakefield, Mt. Pleasant; Charles J. Morse, Uniontown; J. S. Cooper, Parker; T. W. Morris, Jeannette.

Anderson—F. C. Workman, Steubenville; Jacob Crows, Masontown.

Henry—William H. Weaver, Altoona; J. M. Marks, Canonsburg; H. B. Boggs, Parkersburg; George A. English, Uniontown.

Duquesne—J. J. McFarland, Johnstown; G. G. Gans, Greensburg; R. P. Drum, California.

Newell's—H. T. Meyers, Latrobe.

### IT IS TO SMILE.

Magistrate (sternly)—Didn't I tell you the last time you were here I never wanted you to come before me again?

Prisoner—Yes, sir; but I couldn't make the policeman believe it.—New Yorker.

"Ma, what's a romance in real life?"

"You listen to your pa when he complains of having a terrible headache the next time I ask him to go to church. That'll be one."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Samuel Johnson was compiling his dictionary. "I am merely trying," he explained, "to collect a few words for the Boston lady to lop."

Feeling it was at best but a kindergarten aid, he continued his efforts.—New York Sun.

## The Death Roll

### Christian Zeltler.

Christian Zeltler, 67 years old and married, of No. 328 Spring Garden avenue, Allegheny, died suddenly of heart disease at his home yesterday. The deceased was a member of Abe Patterson post No. 88, G. A. R., of Allegheny, and of encampment No. 7, Union Veteran Legion, of Pittsburgh. During the civil war he was a member of company G, sixty-second regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer infantry, under command of Col. Samuel Black. At the close of the war he became an Allegheny policeman, but retired from force about 17 years ago, owing to disability from injuries received during his service in the war. He leaves a widow and three married daughters. Post No. 88 and encampment No. 1, U. V. L., will have charge of the funeral arrangements. The interment will take place at the Uniondale cemetery at 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

### Herman Crone.

Herman Crone died last evening at his home, No. 901 Beech avenue, Allegheny, of pneumonia, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He had been ill only three days and arrangements had been made for the celebration of his thirty-sixth wedding anniversary, which was to have taken place on the day of his death. He came here four years ago from Portland, Ore. On account of age he was retired from active business. He is survived by his widow and two following sons: Jack L., of G. A. Crone & Co., Diamond square; Gus A., Bernard, Lourino and Edwin R. The funeral services will be held at the residence Friday at 2 o'clock p. m. Mr. Crone was a member of the Eighth Street synagogue and a prominent Mason.

### Peter R. Baker.

Peter R. Baker, a prominent resident of Mt. Washington, died yesterday morning at Ashlin, Cal., after an illness of several years. Although Mr. Baker went to the coast in search of health, his condition was not believed to be critical until a letter was received two days ago from the Rev. L. S. Wilkinson, pastor of the Mt. Washington Methodist Episcopal church, who is at present at Anaheim, stating that Mr. Baker was dying. Yesterday a telegram was received by his mother, who lives at No. 318 Sycamore street, notifying her of her son's death. Besides his mother she deceased leaves a widow, four brothers and six sisters. The remains are being brought back to this city.

### Allen Murray.

Allen Murray, a member of a prominent Swissvale family, died yesterday evening at the Murray homestead, two miles back of Swissvale, where he had resided the greater part of his life. He had been ill but a few days with pleuro-pneumonia. He was a son of the late Capt. John Murray and was born in Pittsburgh shortly before the family removed to Swissvale. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Maud, and one son, Ira Murray. His surviving brothers are: Dr. R. J. Murray and W. G. Murray, both of Swissvale, and the Rev. J. F. Murray of McKeesport.

### William H. Hoffman.

William H. Hoffman, aged 67, a well-known riverman, is dead at his home, No. 231 Homewood avenue. For many years he was in charge of boats running between here and New Orleans and at the time of his death was superintendent of the Monongahela Coal Company's floats at Gorgo landing. He suffered a slight injury to his hand a week ago. Blood poisoning set in and resulted in his death. He was a member of Hazel Glen lodge I. O. O. F. He is survived by his widow and one son, Howard A. Hoffman, superintendent of carriers at the Pittsburgh postoffice.

### Helen N. Kohlecher.

Helen N., wife of Frank C. Kohlecher of Tyrone, died at Mercy hospital yesterday from the effects of an operation. She had been visiting friends in North Braddock when she was taken ill. The deceased was 22 years old and was married in June last. She was a daughter of John Matthews, a tailor of Tyrone. She is survived by her parents and several brothers and sisters. The remains were taken to Tyrone yesterday.

### Mrs. Eleanor Campbell.

Mrs. Eleanor Campbell, an aged resident of Fayette county, died Tuesday afternoon at her home in Dunbar. Mrs. Campbell was 91 years of age and had spent almost her entire life in Fayette county. She was the widow of Samuel Campbell, who died many years ago. The remains will be brought today to the home of her nephew, James C. Sloan, No. 1317 Osgood street, Allegheny, from where they will be buried. Mrs. Campbell is survived by her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Davidson of Dunbar.

### George Vanliet.

George Vanliet, aged 70 years, a prominent citizen of Brookville, died suddenly at his home yesterday. He went home for dinner and had just entered the house and removed his overcoat when he fell dead, of heart trouble. He was a lieutenant in the Ohio Hundred and Fifth Pennsylvania volunteers and was once severely wounded. For several years he was one of the leading merchants of Brookville. Former District Attorney Vanliet of that county, is a son.

### Funeral of Frank O. Bingham.

The remains of Frank O. Bingham, of Sutersville, will be interred at West Newton cemetery today. A special train on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad will leave Douglass station at 1 o'clock p. m., conveying the funeral cortege. Deceased was a member of several fraternal societies, among them the Masons and Jr. O. U. A. M. Until his death he was district treasurer for the Westmoreland Building and Loan association.

### Funeral of Frederick A. Hemphill.

Services over the remains of Dr. Frederick Alter Hemphill, 29 years old, who died at Bowlder, Ariz., December 26, will be held at 3 o'clock this morning at the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. Hannah B. Alter, No. 1220 Reason Place, Allegheny.

### Mrs. Nancy Rainey Freeland.

Mrs. Nancy Rainey Freeland, widow of James Freeland, is dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James H. Hunter, No. 3620 Perrysville Avenue, Allegheny. She was in her ninetieth year and death was due to the infirmities of old age.

### Obituary Notes.

Albert W. Murray, aged 32, died yesterday at his home in Ohio township. He will be buried tomorrow.

Peter Rotach fell dead at Wooster, O. He was 70 years old and a man of handsome physique and strength.

The marquis of Sligo died yesterday at Westport house, Westport, County Mayo, Ireland. He was born in 1824.

Mrs. Samuel Gelsinger, 64 years old, died at Wooster, O., surviving her husband only a few weeks. She was a daughter of James Hubbard, one of the pioneer settlers of that vicinity.

Patrick Cosgrove, one of the oldest Irish residents of this city, died yesterday morning at the home of his niece, Mrs. Alice Wa... No. 116 Erin street. Mr. Cosgrove w... years old.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hooper Benton, wife Rev. A. A. Benton, S. T. D., and sis... the Rev. W. L. H. Denton, rector of the of Nativity, Crafton, died at her ... Pekin, Ill., December 28.

Chu Quon, comedian premier of the theater on Doyers street, New York, ... terday in the Hudson street hospital ... noon. Chu Quon was famous as a ... light parts. He was 44 years of age.

Mrs. Nancy Harvey, wife of the ... M. Harvey of Mt. Pleasant township ... ington county, died yesterday morning. Deceased was a daughter of John ... Morgan. She was married to Jam... on November 6, 1856. She is survived ... son, Joseph W. Harvey of Mt. Pleasant ship.

### An Exchange of Valuables.

Since the year has given Mr. Bryan his ... to ... the year on the Commoner's list, for a year, Kansas City Star.

### Answer to Correspondent.

Constant Reader, Homer.—Write P. S. Duffy, No. 119 Sheridan street, East End, Pittsburgh.

# THEY WOULD NOT TAKE THE ORDERS

Thirty-Sixth Ward Committeemen Refused to Nominate Evan Jones.

HAYS MAY HELP CAVETT

The majority of the members of the Thirty-sixth ward Citizens committee disobeyed orders and nominated Patrick Foley for select councilman. The party backers had desired the renomination of Evan Jones. He received four votes.

The nomination of Foley is not pleasing to either Mayor W. B. Hays or Director E. M. Bigelow. The latter had been particularly anxious to have Jones re-elected. The councilman was elected as a Republican, but went over to the Citizens to make it possible for them to elect city clerks. By this action he was repudiated by the Republicans and many of the Citizens of the ward were disgusted with him. When the ward committee was called together Tuesday night to nominate a ticket, eight of the 12 committeemen openly refused to take orders and vote for Jones.

The eight men cast their votes for Foley and the other four joined in making his nomination unanimous. There is no dispute about the regularity of the meeting. Foley has not been in accord with the Bigelows, and Mayor Hays has especial reasons for remembering him. When the Democratic mayoralty convention was held a year ago, Foley voted for himself rather than support Hays. He did not assist in the election of Hays.

**Hays Friendly to Cavett.**

Foley will receive the Democratic nomination. Jones is out of the running entirely, as Charley Cavett, the present common councilman, will be nominated by the Republicans for select. Cavett was strong enough to carry the ward in the Larkin fight, so there is little question about his winning this time. His friends are confident that Mayor Hays will support him. Most of the city employes in the ward would welcome an opportunity to turn in for Cavett.

Tuesday night the Lang faction in the Thirty-first ward nominated Charles Bright as the Citizens candidate for common councilman. In doing this Jacob Schuck, the present councilman, who has consistently followed the Bigelows, was holed out. Schuck called upon T. S. Bigelow yesterday and was told that Lang would be recognized. Schuck then announced that he would support Dr. C. C. Williams for common councilman if he is nominated by the Republicans. Bigelow was given a protest against the selection of Bright. The paper was signed by a number of citizens. They claim that Lang seated and unseated members of the ward committee to secure a majority for Bright.

The Fourteenth ward Republicans will hold a suggestion meeting tonight in the Atwood street headquarters. The majority of the wards will suggest candidates Saturday night. The Twentieth ward meeting is to be held in the Friendship school house. The Twentieth ward Orphans may meet tonight to nominate a candidate for select councilman.

**County Committee Saturday.**

The Republican county committee will meet in common council chamber Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The meeting is to amend the rules so that the primaries can be advanced to the third Saturday of March.

Rival factions in the Citizens party in the Thirteenth ward yesterday went in to court with affidavits to secure the nomination of their candidates. In common pleas court No. 2 the petition was filed by D. H. Clover, James Lang, L. N. Stewart, William Schad, William Bruner, G. M. Rudolph, Harry P. Birch, Fred W. Raab, A. H. Miller, John Moran, M. A. Strother, John A. Merrifield, H. Davidson, A. J. Broszkowska, Leon Tysarcyk, Stanly Bonek, John Anuis, Jacob Ciulkoski, Alex Albeter and George E. Aland.

In common pleas court No. 1 the petition had as signers Joseph W. Charles, Fred and William Schempp, David E. Jenkins, William Beck, Henry W. Kreuger, Joseph McDonnough.

John Sauer last night announced that he is still a candidate for the nomination on the Republican ticket for assemblyman in the First district. He says that he has set up 28 of the 40 delegates for the district.

**Gorman Is Reduced.**

Police Captain Matthew Gorman has paid the penalty for being a brother-in-law of Martin McTighe. A couple of weeks ago Mayor Hays announced that Gorman would be reduced. The order was made yesterday and today he will return to his old position of cornerman at Fourth avenue and Smithfield street. He was doing duty there when John P. McTighe became superintendent of police and promoted him to a captaincy.

Gorman will be succeeded by William Riley, a patrolman. He has been in the service eight years and for a time was on the detective force. Riley lives in the Sixth ward and is a strong supporter of Peter Hermes for select councilman.

G. J. Hirsch, a patrolman reporting at No. 2 station, has been transferred from duty. He lives on the South Side.

The Fifteenth ward Republicans last night nominated a ticket. William Zipf, formerly lieutenant at No. 25 engine company and who was dropped by the present administration, was elected the nomination for common council, and Dr. A. C. Clark and Dr. A. L. Lewin for school directors. John Hofmeister was named for assessor.

# CORONER DROPS DEPUTIES.

Discharged Two Assistants for Political Reasons—They Would Not Resign.

Deputy Coroners George Limber and Joseph Clinton were notified yesterday by Coroner McGeary that their services would no longer be required after today. The coroner says the dismissal is made for political reasons. Clinton and Limber say their removal is the result of dissension in the coroner's office. McGeary first asked the men for their resignations. They refused, stating they thought there was nothing for him to do, but to discharge them.

Clinton lives in the Third ward and Limber in the Sixth. They say they refused to resign because they had not been guilty of any violation of duty.

# HUNTING THE WRECKER.

Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Detectives Along the Line in Search of Clues.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 30.—Abraham Brady, arrested late last night on suspicion of having guilty knowledge of the attempt to wreck the midnight westbound Pittsburgh & Lake Erie express early yesterday morning at New Castle Junction, will be held in jail here, until his innocence is established.

Sheriff James H. Brown, who is a former Pittsburgh & Lake Erie passenger engineer has spent most of his time since the wreck at New Castle Junction, in consultation with the railroad detectives. It has been learned that this is not the first time switches have been tampered with in this locality. Many extra Lake Erie detectives are now on duty along the entire line, looking for clews. A number of local railroad men are under surveillance.

# HAS NO EFFECT HERE.

Cardinal Gibbons Says Pope's Ruling Will Not Change American Church Music.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Gibbons, commenting today in an interview on the recent letter of Pope Pius X and Cardinal Respighi expressing a desire for a reformation in church music, in which he criticised certain music as an abuse of religion, said the decision of his holiness would in no way affect the American church.

It refers to the abuse now existing in Italy and France where some of the churches have given an operatic effect to their music instead of retaining the Gregorian chant.

**Reduced Rates Account New Year Holidays.**

Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets on December 31st and January 1st to all points on their Monongahela division, between Pittsburg and Brownsville, good to return until January 4th, 1904.

# STENGEL WILL MAKE CHANGES

New System Simplifying Work in Register's Office to Be Adopted.

DEATH RECORD ABOLISHED

Register George H. Stengel has adopted an improved method of handling the death records, letters of administration on estates and petitions for the probate of wills in the register's office of the county. Under the new system the cumbersome volumes containing the records of deaths in the county will be abandoned to save space, and the facts pertaining to each individual case will be completed in one set of papers, all things being filed away together.

The old record has been in use for years, and the petitions of letters of administration require much unnecessary work by attorneys, while two sheets of paper are required for the petition and the signature of the two bondsmen in each case. Everything pertaining to letters of administration, both the application of the administrator and the sworn statements of his two bondsmen appear on a single page, much simplified in verbiage.

In probating a will the executor or executors are not only held to truly administer on the estate of the decedent, but are also required to swear that they "will diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the provisions of the law relating to collateral inheritances."

This latter clause aids in the collection of this tax and saves the state of Pennsylvania and the register much unnecessary worry in hunting up all data relating to the tax and in keeping track of all sums due the register's office and the state, much of which might be lost under the old system, or at least occasion considerable more work in collecting the same. The new system goes into effect tomorrow, the first day of 1904. Attorneys and all others interested are being notified by the clerks in the office as rapidly as possible, and are being instructed as to the working of the system. All the special blanks required have arrived and are now being arranged for use in the office. The last number of the old death record is 16, and no new books will be required during Mr. Stengel's incumbency.

# M'KINLEY MONUMENT PLANS IN CANTON

About 20 Designs and Two Models Have Been Received for Consideration of Trustees.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CANTON, O., Dec. 30.—Two plaster model designs for the McKinley monument, one weighing a ball ton and the other 300 pounds, were received at the local office of the National McKinley Memorial association today. The larger one was from Pardee & Short, architects, New York, and the other from C. M. Remey, architect, Washington, D. C.

The boxes containing the models have not been opened, and will not be until the next meeting of the trustees. On Friday the time limit for the submission of plans expires, and many drawings are coming to the office.

About 20 have been received in the past few days from well-known artists and architects throughout the country, some of whom are sending additional plans. It is said that no meeting of the trustees of the McKinley Memorial association will be held until the committee on designs, which was appointed at the last session in Washington, reports.

Owing to the fact that the plans are nearly all in Canton, the meeting may be held here.


**CAMPBELL'S.**

At 75 cents a Yard. Fancy taffetas in the new and very handsome dotted and cannele patterns, woven white silk dots of various sizes on red, blue, gray, green, brown and black grounds—nice soft finish—nothing more desirable for waists or full suits—regular price $1.25 a yard on a large lot becomes available today only, at 75c a yard.

327-333 Fifth Avenue.


# 2,000 NEW YEAR GIFTS FREE

Mrs. Zella Altice, of Allegheny, Offers Her Best Wishes With These Gifts.

Everybody in Pittsburgh and nearby towns who is suffering with a cold, cough, sore throat, catarrh, bronchitis or night cough can go to his druggist and get a valuable little New Year's Gift—a free sample bottle of "781." The Tonic Cough Remedy which Dr. P. Harold Hayes of Buffalo has prescribed for 20 years.

2,000 bottles of "781" have been placed in more than 100 different drug stores in Pittsburgh and vicinity for free distribution on New Year's Day to anyone who has throat trouble, or in whose family there is any bronchial, catarrhal, throat or lung trouble. These are about the largest samples of any cough remedy that have ever been given out free. One is enough to relieve or cure almost any cough or cold.

Mrs. Zella Altice, 18 Stockton avenue, Allegheny, Pa., writes as follows, December 26th, 1903: "A few days ago I was given a sample bottle of '781' Tonic cough remedy, '781,' by a friend who had regained the use of his voice by it in a few hours. I was loath to use it since cough cures as a rule have a bad effect on my stomach and it is impossible for me to retain them at all. Still, I found that this sample bottle of '781' not only helped me but I experienced no bad effect from the use of it. It certainly is a splendid remedy and I am sure that after one trial there is nobody who would use any other cough remedy. My endorsement and best wishes are with '781.'"

The taste of "781" is so pleasant that children make no fuss about taking it. "781" contains no narcotic whatever. It is nothing but pure balsams, and is therefore the safest and best remedy for the coughs and colds of babies and children, as well as of adults and invalids.

Probably there is no other cough remedy which so quickly relieves pain in the head or is so comforting and reliable a relief for the chronic coughs of asthma, bronchitis and consumption and the persistent cough which often follows la grippe.

"781" does not nauseate weak stomachs. For that reason in chronic, long standing coughs, especially night coughs, it is more acceptable than any other cough remedy. Especially is it acceptable as a relief for coughs and colds to those who have catarrh of the stomach or any other stomach ailments.

Difficult breathing at night, catarrh of the bronchial tubes or nasal passages, head suffing up and other similar congestions are quickly relieved by "781."

Kidney congestion, symptoms of which are highly colored and scalding urine, which so frequently accompanies severe colds and la grippe, is speedily relieved by "781."

As a general family cough medicine for the relief and cure of all kinds of coughs and colds in people of all ages and conditions there is not a single other cough remedy on the market which is the equal of "781." Harold Hayes' "781" Tonic Cough Remedy.

Every druggist sells "781" or can easily get it from any wholesale druggist in Pittsburgh. The price is 50 cents, but "781" is the most economical of all cough remedies. The bottle contains a large family size (Double the usual 25 cent and 35 cent sizes). It requires only a very small amount to cure even severe coughs and colds. A 50 cent bottle lasts a whole family a long time. "781" never changes or spoils in any climate.

Go to your druggist on New Year's Day and get this splendid New Year's Gift, a sample bottle of "781" free, or buy the 50 cent size. Then you will be free from coughs and colds during those bitter winter months.

# BOULDER NEARLY WRECKS PENNSYLVANIA EXPRESS

Dropped in Tunnel Near Greensburg—Cleared from Track Just Before Train Passed

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 30.—A horror similar to the disaster on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Dawson, last week, was narrowly averted in the tunnel east of Greensburg passenger station, yesterday. Shortly before No. 2, one of the fastest eastbound express trains on the division, rounded the curve at the Radebaugh tunnel, a big boulder, weighing almost 400 pounds, dropped from the roof of the tunnel to the eastbound track.

Trainmen from the station cleared the heavy mass from the track just as the express train came in sight. The tunnel is being timbered throughout and it is stated that the railroad officials will open negotiations with the borough council to tear out the tunnel and replace it with a heavy stone bridge.


# Sore Throat

Throat affections should never be neglected. Sore Throat leads to Quinsy and Diphtheria. It is of vital importance to have a remedy at hand in the early stages of troubles of this nature. Many are the deaths that have resulted from a neglected Sore Throat.

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Last summer I suffered constantly with Sore Throat and had the best doctors I could get, but they gave me no relief. The first application of Hamlins Wizard Oil gave me relief and by using it a few days I was entirely cured. A bottle of Hamlins Wizard Oil is worth its weight in gold to any person. C. A. Bryant.

Washington, La., Sept. 4, 1900.

My wife suffered with Sore Throat for a year, and though she consulted and doctored, nothing seemed to help her. I procured a bottle of Hamlins Wizard Oil and it has done her more good than anything in the world. Henry Wade.

There is only one Wizard Oil—Hamlins—name blown in the bottle. Signature "Hamlin Bros." on wrapper. Take no substitute. 50c. and $1.00.

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## DEATHS.

BAKER—At Anaheim, Cal., on December 29, 1 of PETER RHODES BAKER, beloved husband of Etta S. Baker (nee Finicle). Notice of funeral later.

CAMPBELL—On Tuesday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Davidson, Dunbar, Pa., MRS. ELEANOR CAMPBELL, in her 91st year, widow of Samuel Campbell.

Remains will arrive this (Thursday) evening and funeral services will be held at the residence of her nephew, James C. Sloan, No. 2317 Osgood street, Allegheny, on Friday evening, January 1, 1904, at 8 o'clock. Funeral private Saturday morning.

CRONE—On Wednesday, December 30, 1903, at 7 p. m., HERMAN CRONE, aged 69 years.

Funeral services at his late residence, 931 Beech avenue, Allegheny, on Friday, January 1, at 2p. m. Interment private. Please omit flowers.

CRONEMEYER—On Tuesday, December 29, 1903, at 9:30 a. m., MELVINA HAVEKOTTE, wife of W. C. Cronemeyer, in her 53d year.

Funeral services at her late residence, Highland grove, McKeesport, Pa., on Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private at a later hour.

DONALDSON—On Wednesday, December 30, JOHNSTON M'CORMICK DONALDSON, son of John B. and Mary Donaldson, aged 9 months.

Funeral from parents' residence, 91 Clifton avenue, Allegheny, on Thursday, December 31, at 2:30 p. m. Services and interment private.

DREHER—At the residence of her parents, Smithton avenue, Allegheny, Tuesday morning, December 29, Miss LUCY A. DREHER, in her 14th year.

Funeral services on Friday afternoon, January 1, 1904, at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family invited.

FREELAND—On Wednesday, December 30, 1903, at 12:30 a. m., NANCY RAINEY, widow of James Freeland, in her 90th year.

Funeral services at her late residence, 9622 Perrysville avenue, Allegheny on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private. Please omit flowers.

HEMPHILL—On Thursday, December 24, 1903, at Douglass, Ariz., DR. FREDERIC ALTER HEMPHILL, son of George E. Hemphill, aged 27 years.

Funeral services at the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. Hannah B. Alter, 1220 Reason place, Allegheny, this evening at 8 o'clock. Interment Thursday afternoon.

JOHNSTON—On December 29, 1903, at 9 a. m., JOSIAH B. JOHNSTON, in his 68th year.

Funeral services at his late residence, No. 7533 Susquehanna street, East End, city, Friday, January 1, 1904, at 2 p. m.

KAMMERER—On Tuesday, December 29, 1903, at 5 p. m., M. C. KAMMERER.

Funeral services at his mother's residence, No. 540 McClintock avenue, Allegheny, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

(Washington (Pa.) papers please copy.)

MEADE—On Tuesday, December 29, 1903, at 12:30 p. m., CATHERINE MEADE, aged 60 years.

Funeral from her late residence, 203 McClure avenue, Allegheny, on Friday, January 1, 1904, at 8:30 a. m. High mass at St. Francis Xavier's Roman Catholic church, California avenue, at 9 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Please omit flowers.

MOREland—Suddenly, on Tuesday morning, December 29, 1903, DAVID FLEMING MOREland.

Funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, 608 South Dallas avenue, at 2:30 this afternoon. Interment private.

MURRAY—On Wednesday, December 30, at 5:30 p. m., ALBERT MURRAY, aged 53 years.

Funeral services at his late residence, Ohio township, on Friday, January 1, 1904. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend.

MEWEN—On Wednesday, December 30, 1903, at 1:15 a. m., JOSEPHINE A. MEWEN, widow of William M. McEwen, aged 67 years.

Funeral services at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. George B. Kennedy, No. 5829 Rural avenue, East End, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

SCHIFLER—On Tuesday, December 29, 1903, at 12:30 p. m., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Eberline, Hite, Pa., MRS. MARY SCHIFLER.

Funeral services at the residence of her son, Augustus Schifler, 131 Tarbert street, Allegheny, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Please omit flowers.

SMITH—On Wednesday, December 30, 1903, at 6:30 a. m., THOMAS A. SMITH, son of John and Elizabeth Smith (nee C——), aged 18 years and 7 months.

Funeral from the parents' residence, Elwood avenue, Sharpsburg, Pa., on Sunday afternoon, January 3, 1904, at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

SPENCER—On Tuesday, December 29, 1903, at 6:30 a. m., JOHN, son of the late Joseph and Mary Ann Spencer, aged 57 years.

Funeral from the residence of his brother-in-law, Adam Zollar, No. 1511 Adams street, Allegheny, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.


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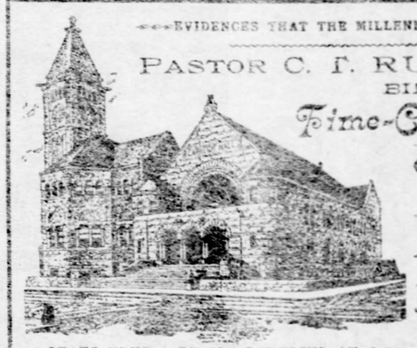

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OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 2, No. 46, February term, 1904.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Chester avenue, from Harrison avenue to Irwin avenue, Tenth ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed, for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

SAM'L A. PURVIS,
JAMES B. DUFF,
C. C. DEAN,
Viewers.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 2, No. 41, February term, 1904.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a main sewer on Tobeggan street, from northeast terminus of street, to Rising Main avenue, Twelfth ward.

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C. C. DEAN,
Viewers.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 2, No. 45, February term, 1904.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Fairhaven street, from Chestnut street to Rising Main avenue, Twelfth ward.

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IN the court of common pleas, No. 2, No. 40, February term, 1904.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of McClure avenue, from Turnson avenue to Boston avenue, Eleventh ward.

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IN the court of common pleas, No. 2, No. 44, February term, 1904.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Morrison avenue, from A street to B street, Second ward.

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IN the court of common pleas, No. 2, No. 43, February term, 1904.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Fairhaven street, from Chestnut street to Rising Main avenue, Twelfth ward.

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IN the court of common pleas, No. 2, No. 42, February term, 1904.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Fairhaven street, from Chestnut street to Rising Main avenue, Twelfth ward.

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IN the court of common pleas, No. 2, No. 46, February term, 1904.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Fairhaven street, from Chestnut street to the east line of the Pennsylvania railroad, Twelfth ward.

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IN the court of common pleas, No. 2, No. 47, February term, 1904.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Fairhaven street, from Chestnut street to Rising Main avenue, Twelfth ward.

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SAM'L A. PURVIS,
JAMES B. DUFF,
C. C. DEAN,
Viewers.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 2, No. 48, February term, 1904.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Morrison avenue, from Turnson avenue to Boston avenue, Eleventh ward.

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OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

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Viewers.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 2, No. 46, February term, 1904.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Morrison avenue, from A street to B street, Second ward.

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SAM'L A. PURVIS,
JAMES B. DUFF,
C. C. DEAN,
Viewers.

OFFICIAL—EDGEWOOD BOROUGH.

IN re petition of the borough of Edgewood for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Franklin street, from Chal street to the east line of the Pennsylvania railroad, in said borough of Edgewood, Allegheny county, No. 348, January term, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned viewers have prepared a schedule showing the damages, costs and expenses allowed and benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet at the council chamber of Edgewood borough on January 12, 1904, at 8 p. m., and will then and there hear all evidence thereon and exceptions thereto.

LEVI F. HOLTZMAN,
JAS. P. SINGAMAN,
JOS. A. TYSON,
Viewers.

IN re petition of the borough of Edgewood for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Bedford street, in the borough of Edgewood, All

# SEEKING OPTIONS NORTH OF ETNA

Movements of Surveyors and Realty Agents Indicate New Street Car Line.

TWO ALLEGHENY PURCHASES

The efforts of real estate agents this week to get options on a large amount of land north of Etna have revived the story that a big street car project is on foot in that vicinity. The farms situated along the Kittanning pike road and the Little Creek road and are valued at from $150 to $200 an acre. Some weeks ago William Fiby bought about 150 acres of land three miles north of Etna. Since then it is reported his agents have options on several small farms near by. It is also reported that the Thomas hotel, north of Undercliff, has been purchased within the last few days. No information is given out by the company as to the probable disposition of the land, but the recent surveys made in and too the north of Etna lead property owners to believe that a street car line is to be built in the Spring from the Kittanning pike to the Etna property, returning by a different route to Etna. Several years ago a charter for a street car line in this neighborhood was secured, it is said, and William Fiby is the party reported to have been interested in the deal. Surveys have been made for two routes out from Etna, both of which would open up a large amount of choice frontage.

Through the office of George T. McDevitt the three houses belonging to A. C. Saltzer of Monessen and located at 2305-2307 Perrysville avenue, Pittsburg, Allegheny, have been sold to the United State Investment Company of this city for $16,500. The houses are 10-room, reception hall brick dwellings with all modern improvements and stand on lots 20x140 feet facing in the west side of the avenue, near Charles street. O. E. Williamson is treasurer of the purchasing company that takes the properties for renting purposes.

Adams, Hemphill & Co. have sold to Abel L. Carpenter the remainder of the Rosalmond plan of lots in the Fifteenth ward, Pittsburg, for $2,500. The former owner was John P. Fitzsimmons, who laid out and marketed a large part of the allotment. There are 74 lots in the deal, measuring 25x100 feet each and facing in Dorcas and Glendale streets and Sabina avenue. As part payment for the frontage Mr. Carpenter tendered a three-story apartment house containing three flats of five rooms each and standing on a lot 30x100 feet in Third street, Sheraden. This was put in the deal at $5,000.

Will Rebuild in Fifth Avenue.

A novel deal in building was closed last week by which the firm of S. Delp's Sons, dealers in billiard and pool fixtures, has bought the building of the Bair & Gozzman Manufacturing Company at the southwest corner of Third avenue and Ferry street. The building is a six-story structure, very substantially built for manufacturing purposes. It is now being razed and the material will be sold on the ground. The firm has erected on the north side of Fifth avenue, between Soho and Moultrie streets, where the purchasers will erect the building as it originally stood. This helps own the old saw mill property nearly as it is said, into the Bair & Gozzman building for a long term.

Building and loan associations are likely to report a much smaller business for the last two months of this year than for the corresponding months last year. It is evident recently that money has come forward from private individuals in a way that was at all satisfactory, and the companies' business in December especially has been correspondingly light. The inquiry for loans has been very good, most of the applicants being prospective householders who wanted sums ranging from $2,000 to $3,000. A very encouraging feature of the business this fall and winter has been the comparatively small number of borrowers who have fallen back in their regular payments. The general impression of depression in business has not affected them seriously.

The Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston Railroad Company has secured an option on 84 of the 100 acres in Elben Land Company at Elben for about $24,000. The lots include nearly one-fourth of an acre each and are on the north side of the Monongahela river. Elben is between Duquesne and above West Elizabeth during the last year the P., V. & C. has bought considerable river frontage about Elben, all of it lying below Lock No. 3. Several houses and retail shops are now in course of erection there and the company will use a large part of the ground secured for new yards. The Elben allotment was laid out last summer by the Elben Land Company, which is composed of Pittsburgers, Homestead and a number of other capitalists from Braddock and West Elizabeth.

The report that articles of agreement had been signed for the purchase of 5,000 feet of the vacant property at the northwest corner of Penn avenue and Garrison alley through C. J. Podder & Co. was denied by the owners of the property on Monday, who said that no sale had been effected.

Residence Sales on North Side.

Walker place: George T. McDonald sold for Wood & Phaler Lewis Company, the East End business man one 120 feet at the southwest corner of California and Mansion avenues, Eleventh ward, Allegheny, for $6,500. Sheriff Flaherty sold for Mary Ann Brewenstein, to J. C. Martin a frame house, lot 20x80 feet, in Cherry street, Etna, for $1,600.

Hill street: The Aronson Realty Company sold for T. Denny to M. Lieber of Etna, 1710 Hill street, a 10-room brick house, lot 30x147 feet, for $5,800.

Philips avenue: A. H. Hunter sold to James F. Wilkinson, 48x100 feet in Phillips avenue for $700.

Belmar place: George H. Shickley sold to Arthur Hemphill, in Verner tract, 40x90 feet on the north side of Herbaugh street, near Sidney street, Twenty-first ward, for $4,700.

Rolling avenue: Richard R. Burks sold to Margaret E. Porter an improved lot, 28x141 feet on the east side of Collins avenue, near Rolling street, for $4,000.

South Side: A. E. Forbs sold to August Uhrl an improved lot, 20x120 feet, on the south side of Carson street, Twenty-sixth ward, for $4,000.

Mt. Vernon street: George N. Chaldon sold to Jay J. Kinney Company an improved lot, 24x118 feet, at the southwest corner of Hamilton and Dallas avenues, Twenty-first ward, for $6,100.

Morgan avenue: William H. Jacob sold to William Robison a lot, 22x141 feet on the south side of Morgan avenue, near Louisa street, Fourteenth ward, for $2,450.

Cable place: The Allview Realty estate sold to William Robison an improved lot, 45x82 feet, on the west side of Cable place, near Mt. Vernon street, Ninth ward, for $2,500.

Mt. Vernon street: Herbert A. Holland sold to Harry Powell 40x93 feet on the south side of Mt. Vernon street, near Murtland avenue, Twenty-first ward, for $1,250.

Transfers Recorderd.

Allegheny.

Andrew J Leonard to J Tannenbaum, Mch 12, 10th wd, Pgh, 22x98, Fulton st.....$ 1,000

Little Jacob to R G McCarter, Sept 19, 11th wd, Pgh, 17x62, Webster ave..... 7,000

Zimmerman to Chas Wheeler, Dec 27, 26th wd, Pgh, 20x140, Atlantic ave.....

Nanning L to A Buechel, Aug 17, 16th wd, Pgh, 22x102, Penn ave..... 14,000

Cribbs H M to Jos Cribbs, July 30, Verona boro, 50x110, Grimet st..... 5,850

Sechler B to Carrie A Russell, Dec 23, 3d ward, Pgh, 20x132, Franklin st..... 1,500

Ege Smith Anna to Jos Ege, Dec 23, 3d ward, Pgh, 20x132, Franklin st..... 670

Reid Jas to Jas Kinnear, Dec 1, 19th wd, Pgh, 21x122, Reid st..... 2,000

Nyhan M A to J A Riordle, July 15, Verona boro, 110x80, Lincoln ave..... 1,500

Bradley Luella to Ben Heller, Sept 1, 7th wd, Pgh, 20x90, Chatham st..... 14,600

Carr J T to Emanuel church, Dec 10, 2d, Allegheny, 20x100, Arch ave.....

Gray J G D to Jno Wachter, Dec 26, Ohio twp, 20 acres..... 13,000

Wright Sarah A to David Sloan, Oct 20, Mt Moriah sta..... 2,575

Same to Same, Oct 20, Copperstone D C to Thos Nutter, Dec 20th wd, Pgh, 31x110, Friendship ave..... 5,000

Wilhelm E M to Cath O Conley, Dec 4, 22d wd, Pgh, 20x178, Phillips ave..... 9,750

Wood Iron & Burgher Steel Wire Co to Geo Frey, Dec 26, McKees Rocks, 1st Mch, Pgh..... 2,500

Fallowfield M to C H Crake, Sept 5, 25th wd, Pgh, 20x124, Minnesota st..... 8,250

Paine Burt F Jr to Carrie M Taylor, Sept 29, 22d wd, Pgh, 2 lots Grandview Terrace plan of R Hp Co..... 1,170

Same to Same, Dec 5, 11th wd, Allegheny, Herbert st..... 1,820

Hart McKeesport, 4 lots, S Wilmerding plan..... 2,800

Schmidt C to F C Sturm, Dec 8, 11th wd, Allegheny, 50x125, Reading ave.....

Rhoads C F to Luella Schmidt, Dec 8, 11th wd, Allegheny, 71x142, Shady ave..... 12,000

Jenkins David to H M Potter, Dec 26, 4th wd, Pgh, 20x100, Baxter st..... 6,000

Clark H M Jr to Jno J Wakefield, Sept 19, 18th wd, Pgh, 70x80, Penn ave..... 900

Sheffield Jeremiah to Geo F Hatton, Dec 26, Baldwin twp, 102x185, Beech st..... 1,200

Sutton James to Geo F Hatton, Dec 26, Baldwin twp, 102x185, Beech st..... 2,300

Humphrey Wm G to O K Humphrey, Philip R Sharp, twp, 160 ft, Township rd 1,761

Heineman O F to Fred F Hegarty, Nov 24, Bellevue, 77x150, Forest ave..... 1,050

Bryan James to Jno Wilhelm, Nov 18, Braddocksridge boro, 28x110, Walnut st..... 2,125

McCarter H C to Jno Robertson, Sept 19, 11th wd, Pgh, 17x62, Webster ave..... 7,000

Platt Bernard to Hyman Miller, Dec 16, 11th wd, Pgh, Porter Roberts st.....

Jones J T to Fred F Hegarty, Dec 15, 7th wd, Pgh, 60x48, Ohara st..... 6,000

Elsasser Jos to M Elsasser, Dec 17, 8th wd, Pgh, ½ interest, 24x100, Frankstown pl.....

Colvin Wm to Jacob Schein, Dec 16, 19th wd, Pgh, 40x100, Duff st..... 4,050

# TWO ARE HEARD IN MURDER CASES

Pole Pleads Guilty of Manslaughter While Italian Is Adjudged Insane.

RAILROAD LOSES A TEST CASE

Two murder cases were up in criminal court yesterday afternoon. Bolestay Lukinski pleading guilty of manslaughter and Dominic Vercelli being acquitted of killing his wife by reason of insanity.

Lukinski shot William Gaktinowski at a Polish boarding house near Bridgeville October 21. He was sentenced five years to the penitentiary.

In the Vercelli case Dr. G. L. Beswick testified that the defendant and his wife were ill with the grippe and Dr. Vercelli was advised by the physician to go to bed, but he said he could not, as he was attending to his wife. He was ill, excited and unable to remember the physician's directions. In the evening of the same day Mrs. Vercelli was found dead, and the husband had three wounds in his right side, two in his left side and one in his throat. The witness said Vercelli told him that he and his wife were strangers, and A. V. Cressman testified to Vercelli's mental condition.

Judge M. W. Acheson in an opinion in the case of William Dryle against the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company, on motion to recover for the loss of household goods in transit, said that under the present methods existing in this business a railroad company is liable for the full value of goods lost in transit, notwithstanding the printing or stamping of a clause on the back of the bill of lading, calling for a maximum allowance for release, unless the agreement as to value shall have been made between the shipper and the railroad, and also agreement as to freight rate, and the signature of the shipper secured to the agreement.

The case was tried in November, the jury returning a verdict of $2,000 for the plaintiff. The defendant company claimed it was liable for only $5 per 100 pounds. There was stamped across the face of the bill of lading a clause to this effect.

LEGAL BRIEFS.

Frank Premosich was sent to the workhouse for two years and six months for stabbing Joe Kreo at Federal.

Andrew Kosloski was fined $100 and will serve 18 months in the workhouse for assaulting a young girl.

Albert P. Viethelier has been granted letters on the estate of Gertrude Weiler. Attorney W. C. Stillwagon has charge of the estate.

Harry Clay Botsford and Frederick Yere trading as the Botsford Company of Pittsburgh entered a petition in bankruptcy. Their liabilities are $1,24 25 and assets $678 40.

The W. J. Johnston Company, a jewelry firm, has entered suit against Louis De Roy & Bro. to recover diamonds valued at $2,753. It is alleged the jewelry were casually loaned to A. W. De Land, who pawned them.

The following executions were issued: Price & McWilliams vs. Eliza S. King, $157 50; J. P. Smith vs. Samuel Smith, McKnight, $509 05; Citizens National bank of Pittsburgh, use, vs. Samuel Andrews, $4 088 87; D. Canter vs. Letitia L. Reed, $1,050.

Attorney A. C. Stein, representing a number of the bakers of Allegheny county, has applied for a charter incorporating the Master Bakers' Association of Allegheny county. The object of the club is to promote friendship and social intercourse among its members, to maintain a clubhouse and to assist them to obtain positions. The directors are Joseph Frey, Dominick Hilby, Frank Lucas, Peter Klug and Julius Burnier.

Attorney Frank C. Coburn made application for a charter for the Cosmopolitan club of Pittsburgh. Its purposes are the encouragement of social relations and the establishment of a clubhouse, reading rooms, etc. The directors are Robert A. Roberts, Canton Schaffer, Robert Bradley, Martin Luther, Michael Rosenbloom, Charles Holderman, William S. Schlesse, George Bildner and Frank Wittzer.

# IN THE THEATERS.

New Year's Week Will Witness Several Plays of Merit and Lighter Entertainment.

Henry W. Savage's beautiful production of "The Prince of Pilsen" will be the attraction at the Nixon theater next week. This is one of the most original musical comedies and overflows with tunefulness that has not which Gustav Linders is so famous. The seat sale opens at the Nixon this morning.

Forbes Robertson, that high class actor, Mr. Forbes Robertson and Miss Gertrude Elliot, and their London company, in a repertoire of Richard of Bordeaux, "Kipling's "The Light That Failed" at the Alvin theater next week. The seat sale opens this morning.

Announcement of the appearance here next week of Dustin Farnum in Booth Tarkington's romantic comedy, "The Cavalier," by George H. Brookhurst, will be of more than usual interest. For two seasons past Mr. Hackett has starred with unqualified success in the more sentimental parts of Richard Yielding, however, to an insistent demand to see him again in one of those dashing, vivacious characters which he has so long identified, he engaged Mr. Brookhurst to write "The Crown Prince," and other cities send reports that it is by far the best of this class of play that has ever appeared in.

The third week of the Xmas Pantomime at the Grand will start next Monday afternoon with a practically brand new program of specialties. The attendance of "Babes in the Woods" this week is breaking the house for large crowds at this theater. Everything about the massive production is now running as smooth as though it had been on the boards for months past instead of only two weeks.

"Motty Toity," which come to the Empires next week, was the most successful of the many bright and snappy things Weber and Fields have given a generous and appreciative public. The original production is carried, and the large company includes the usual beauty chorus.

"A Desperate Chance" will be in Pittsburgh, playing at the Bijou next week. While there was a great deal of comment upon this piece last season, it is said the piece has been partly reconstructed and strengthened, while the acting company is a capable one.

No more eminent actor ever entered the vaudeville field than Henry Lee, who has been secured by Manager Harry Davis to head the program of 15 refined acts at the Avenue family theater next week. Mr. Lee's performances are always thoroughly artistic.

The Utopian Burlesque comedy will make its fifth annual appearance at the Academy next week.

Entertainment Is Called Off.

Miss Evelyn C. Tournearre of Buffalo will not give an entertainment in Carnegie hall, Allegheny, February 5 for the benefit of Bethesda home. This announcement was made yesterday by her attorney, H. L. Christy, who will redeem all tickets presented by original purchasers at his office until January 6. Miss Tournearre has called off the engagement because of misunderstanding growing out of the board of managers, through which she was secured.

Will Build Huge Ship.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—It is reported that the White Star line has ordered a steamer 750 feet in length, or 50 feet longer than the Baltic, the largest ship in the world. Construction will begin immediately at Belfast, Ireland.

# STREET CARS LEAVE THE POINT BRIDGE

Beginning Today West End Service Will Be Over Smithfield Structure.

THROUGH CARS FOR VERONA

Beginning today all West End cars of the Pittsburgh Railways Company will be run across the Smithfield street bridge, instead of the Point bridge. The announcement was made yesterday afternoon by President James D. Callery of the railways company after the change had been requested by E. M. Bigelow, director of public works. A new switch and curve near the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie terminal station was completed yesterday afternoon and is now ready for service.

The route of the cars will be along West Carson street to Smithfield street, across the bridge and along Smithfield street to Seventh avenue, to Liberty avenue, to Wood street, to Water street, to the Smithfield street bridge and again across the bridge and down West Carson street.

The determination to make the change grew out of the dangerous condition of the Point bridge. The committee chosen at the mass meeting of West End citizens on Tuesday evening held a half-hour conference yesterday with Director Bigelow, who told the committee that after the repairs now being made are completed he would make a careful examination of the condition of the structure.

Bridge Not Unsafe Now.

The director said he believed the bridge is in no danger of collapse, as it is a suspension bridge and could not fall until the chains break. These, he said are in good condition. While the present repairs are under way the street cars will use the Smithfield street bridge, and if the temporary fixing is not satisfactory he will close the Point bridge until councils provide for its rebuilding or substantial repair.

Another complication was introduced in the case yesterday by the hearing before Attorney General Hampton Harrison on the application of the Pittsburgh West End Passenger Railway Company, the underlying concern of the Pittsburgh Railways Company, for a writ of quo warranto requiring the Point Bridge Company to show reason why it should continue charging toll on street cars. It was pointed out by W. C. Farnsworth, counsel for the railway company, that seven years ago the city acquired the entire capital stock of the bridge in order to make it a free highway, but that the old charter was maintained through the election of seven city officials as directors in order that the charges against the street car company could be continued. The writ was granted and the case will be heard in the Dauphin county court.

Spring Garden Cars Changed.

Following the announcement of the change of route for the West End cars several other important announcements were made yesterday by the Pittsburgh Railways Company, as follows:

The running of the West End cars in Smithfield and Wood streets will make a change in the routing of other cars. To relieve the congestion as much as possible, all Spring Garden cars will run only to Grant street, which now make their terminus at Fifth avenue and Smithfield street, will follow the route of all other Allegheny cars coming across the Ninth street bridge and make the city terminus at Liberty avenue and Smithfield street. They will come up Ninth street to Liberty and down Liberty to Seventh street, and thence back to Allegheny via Duquesne way and the Ninth street bridge. It is also proposed to make a slight change in the running of the two East End cars via Liberty avenue line. Those cars coming down Liberty avenue to Wood street will go down Wood to Water street. If there is too great a congestion of cars in Wood street, the Liberty avenue cars will be stopped at Seventh and Liberty avenue, where there is a cross over switch.

Beginning next Monday morning cars will be run from Verona through to downtown Pittsburgh. At present the Verona cars run between Verona and Wilkinsburg, transferring passengers at the latter place. The route proposed from the present terminus in Wilkinsburg to downtown Pittsburgh is via Center and Franklin, to Wood, to Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, to Penn, to Center avenue, Allegheny, to Seventh avenue, which will be the present city terminus. After the West End cars go back to the Point bridge, the Verona cars will come down Liberty from Seventh avenue to Wood, to Water, to the Baltimore & Ohio depot. From the latter point to Verona, about 12 miles, the runing time will be about one hour and 28 minutes. The fare is to cents. Cars will run every 20 minutes.

The new loop, or belt lines through the Turtle Creek and Monongahela valleys will be started Monday. It will connect and give direct street car service with Glenwood, Hazelton, Braddock, Turtle Creek, East Pittsburgh, Wilmerding, East McKeesport, McKeesport, Dravosburg, Lincoln place, Six Mile Ferry and back to Glenwood. The new line crosses the $300,000 steel viaduct over the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at Wilmerding. Cars will start at Fourth avenue and Market street, Pittsburgh, and run to Wilmerding both ways, via Braddock and via McKeesport. Three hours will be consumed making the round trip.

# EMBEZZLER IS CAUGHT.

Society Man Who Fled Chile Is Under Arrest on Board Ship Nearing Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Russell Beckett, wanted by the Chilean authorities for the embezzlement of $5,000 from the Bank of Tarapaca, will be fully under arrest on board the ship Walden Abbey, from Iquique. Beckett shipped as a member of the crew.

The warrant sworn out by Edward Tingle, Chilian consul here, did not permit the apprehension of Beckett until his arrival in Pennsylvania territory. Two local detectives were taken to Reedy Island, Del., on the police tug Ashbridge and there they boarded the Walden Abbey. The police boat returned to Marcus Point to await the arrival of the ship in order to take Beckett into custody.

Beckett was employed in the English department of the Chilean bank. He is said to have been a prominent society man. Last September he was convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment. He succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the jailer, and left the country on the Walden Abbey.

Glassport Fire Causes Big Loss.

Fire at Glassport yesterday morning destroyed the borough's school building, a 12-room brick structure with a 6-room frame addition. The school board will erect a temporary structure to accommodate the 500 children left without a school. The Mckeesport fire department arrived one hour after the blaze started and saved surrounding buildings. The old building was worth about $30,000 and was insured for $15,000. The structure was owned by the borough, but the frame annex was owned by Lafferty Bros., contractors, who were to have delivered it February 1.

Republic Works Will Resume.

The conference held by T. J. Shaffer of the Amalgamated association and James Hull, representing the Republic iron works, resulted in the grievance being adjusted among the men at Youngstown. A misinterpretation of the scale was the cause of the trouble. All the men, aggregating 2,000, will return to work Monday.

# BISHOP PHELAN'S TWO GREAT EVENTS

His Seventy-Sixth Birthday Tomorrow and His Golden Jubilee in May.

LATTER WILL BE ELABORATE

Bishop Richard Phelan will celebrate the seventy-sixth anniversary of his birth tomorrow, for he was born on New Year's day in Tralee, near Ballyragget, County of Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1828. His birthday is not the only festival the bishop will enjoy next year, for on May 4 the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood will be commemorated.

In the history of the Pittsburgh diocese there is no record of any priest who lived long enough to enjoy his golden jubilee, so, if Bishop Phelan is spared, he will be the first priest to break the record. He is probably the only one in this diocese who can say that all his priestly ministrations have been performed in this episcopal see, for the bishop was ordained in the chapel of the old episcopal residence in Pittsburgh by Bishop O'Connor, and has served no pastoral appointment outside the diocese.

The bishop's birthday will be celebrated quietly, as usual, only this time he will be at his present abiding place, the orphan asylum in Idlewood. As on former occasions, a few of his old chums in the laity, all of them as old or nearly as old as he, will visit him, and delegations from the Catholic sisterhoods in the diocese will make their annual formal calls. The day will pass over without any fuss, the bishop being averse to too much formality.

But the golden jubilee is the greatest event in a priest's life except, of course, the day of the ordination itself. Coadjutor Bishop J. F. Regis Canevin will begin the jubilee on the golden jubilee in February. He will confer with the priests of the diocese, and soon thereafter a concerted movement will be set on foot to have a memorable celebration.

Bishops from all over the country and the priests of the diocese and of many other dioceses will be here to congratulate the bishop. If his health should permit, he will celebrate pontifical high mass, and on that day he himself will receive the papal blessing. Others of the archbishops will be deputized to impart it. If it should be decided to make the bishop a present, the movement will be conducted quietly, lest the bishop interfere to prevent it.

Bishop Phelan is in fair condition, in much better health than he has been for some time. It was thought some time ago that he might come to Pittsburgh to spend the winter, but his physicians decided that the asylum, equably heated as it is and containing long corridors facilitating exercise, would be the best place for the bishop to stay in.

# SILVER CRUCIFIX STOLEN.

Greek Church in Homestead Robbed and Woman Arrested on Suspicion.

The St. John the Baptist Greek Catholic church, in Third avenue, Homestead, was entered by thieves some time during the past week and a large silver crucifix and a number of the priest's vestments stolen. The robbery was not discovered until yesterday when John Chrin and several other members of the congregation went to the building to remove the vestments and other articles to the new church building in Dixon street.

An investigation resulted in a warrant being sworn out before Justice George W. Giles against Mrs. Mary Poles, a Slavish woman, who, it is alleged, was seen to enter the building.

Services for the last time were held in the building on Christmas and nothing was missed at that time. The crucifix was to the tabernacle of the altar and the vestments were in the sacristy.

It is thought that a window was forced open to gain admittance to the building. The stolen goods were valued at $200. Mrs. Poles will be given a hearing today.

Missionary Work Delayed.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The 93rd annual report of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions was made public today. The missionary work maintained a neutral attitude in Macedonia and Bulgaria. Lawlessness has delayed missionary work about Salonica. The total contributions to the American board for the year were $710,153.

A Fine Southern Hotel.

Of the many excellent hotels in the note winter resorts of the south and southwest, there is not one more distinctive in location, equipment and cuisine, than the comfortable Hotel Chicora, the Pines, Aiken, S. C. It was built for a specific purpose—to accommodate the high-class health and pleasure seekers who go to Aiken in the winter months, and fulfills that purpose in every respect. Messrs. H. M. Hamilton and S. W. Hamilton, the proprietors and managers are both enterprising and progressive and spare no expense in maintaining the high reputation of their splendid hotel. Mr. Hamilton, the elder, the assistant manager, is an able and efficient hotel man, who energetically seconds their efforts. The Park in the Pines is right in the midst of 200 acres of long leaf pine and ideal location from a health standpoint. It has a fine golf course, and the appointment of a fashionable metropolitan hotel, and it is the winter rendezvous of the best-known families in the country.


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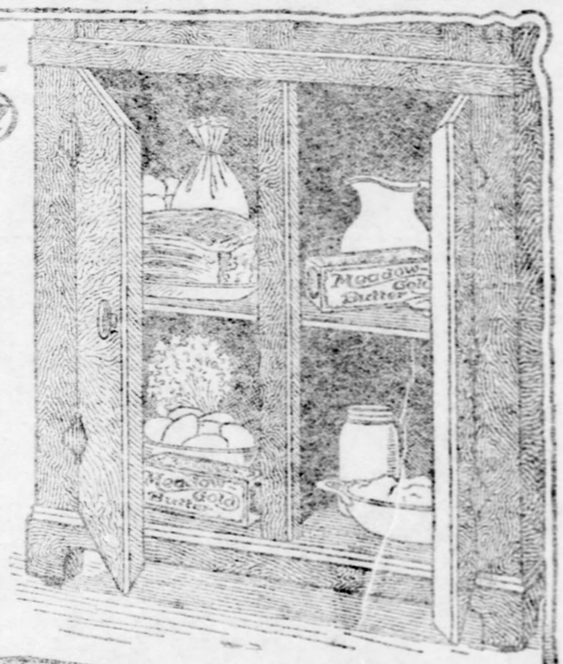

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# FRANCE URGES CZAR TO YIELD

## England Is Also Urging Peace at Tokyo and Through Paris.

## JAPAN REACHES LIMIT

### Informs the Powers Russia Must Either Fight or Yield to Her Demands.

### RUSSIA IS MORE IRRITATED

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Lord Lansdowne's diplomatic reception today centered on the far eastern crisis. The Russian ambassador, Count Benckendorff, was unable to give the British foreign secretary any definite information regarding the tenor of the Russian reply to Japan, as he had received no advices on the subject from St. Petersburg. The secretary adopted a slightly more hopeful tone in talking to the other ambassadors than has prevailed in conversations at the foreign office for the last few days. The Associated Press learns that this is chiefly due to the persistent belief of the French foreign minister, M. Delcasse, that he will be able to prevail on Russia to make such compromises as will avert war.

Ambassador Choate, after a conference with Lord Lansdowne, expressed his continued conviction that a pacific solution would be found, and said the indications were not warlike. That belief was not shared by some of Lord Lansdowne's other callers, notably the German ambassador, Count Wolff-Metternich.

### Hopes France Will Succeed.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, when questioned by a representative of the Associated Press regarding M. Delcasse's hopeful attitude, said he was aware the French foreign minister was making strenuous efforts for peace. So far as Baron Hayashi knew tonight these had not been yet been crowned with success. But the Japanese minister laid considerable stress on the Associated Press dispatch from Paris yesterday announcing that the French government did not believe that war between Russia and Japan would break out and said:

"The French government must be in a better position than that of any other power to know the nature of the Russian reply. If they are honest in saying they do not believe there is danger of war, they must be pretty certain Russia will agree at least to the spirit of the Japanese proposals. Up to now we have had no indication of this and unless Russia does see there scarcely seems any way of averting war. I only trust M. Delcasse will be successful."

Minister Hayashi definitely said that he Russian evacuation of Manchuria is not one of the Japanese cardinal demands.

### Would Not Join Russia.

Baron Hayashi has declared that in the event of war he had the best authority for saying that France would not join forces with Russia, even should China cooperate with Japan, and that the triple alliance would preserve strict neutrality. For the former statement Baron Hayashi's authority is not known and his belief in France's neutrality in case of China joining in the conflict creates some doubt and astonishment.

In diplomatic circles here there is no indication when the Russian reply may be expected.

Great Britain appears to be confining her diplomatic efforts to preserve peace solely at Paris and Tokyo. She has not attempted, it is asserted here, to bring pressure to bear at St. Petersburg, leaving that phase of the negotiations to France.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The Local Anzeiger without reserve says:

"The Japanese government has informed the representatives of the powers at Tokyo that the situation at this moment is almost identical with that of 1895 if Russia does not accept the propositions Japan has submitted, as Japan can no longer wait for a final decision."

### Confirms Japan's Action.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The following statement was made by the Japanese legation tonight:

"Japan has communicated to the powers confidentially the circumstance under which the negotiations have been carried on hitherto, justifying her actolon, but not at all in the sense in which your query indicates."

Japan this evening completed the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Rivadevia, building at Genoa, Italy, for which Russia also was negotiating.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—It is learned in diplomatic circles that the Japanese government has informed the foreign diplomats that the situation with respect to Russia is desperate but not hopeless. It is believed the information was communicated to the French government for presentation at St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—The foreign difficulties are discussed here yesterday at length and are reflected today in more pessimistic editorials. The Novoe Vremya begins its leader with:

"There is no war today. Tomorrow there may be war."

The paper further fatalistically directs attention to the fact that wars marked the opening of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

The Novoe Vremya nevertheless still professes faith in a peaceful settlement.

### Americans Offer Services.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—At the Russian embassy, and at the Japanese legation, the Associated Press is informed that the situation in the far east has entered upon a critical stage. Both the Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, and Mr. Kokutso Takahira, the Japanese minister, express the hope that war is not yet inevitable. Count Cassini goes further and is of the opinion that the situation may yet be saved without recourse to arms. But the ambassador has no official advices on which to base this belief, and it is only his personal view of the matter. Mr. Takahira takes a more pessimistic view and has these:

Russia and Japan are receiving numerous letters from Americans all over the country, offering their services in the event of war. The Russian ambassador and the Japanese minister are declining all offers of assistance, but are thanking those making the offers.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Dec. 30.—The Chilean government has received offers from the Japanese government for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the battleship Capitan Prat and the cruiser Chacabuco.

## BOGUS MONEY CURRENT.

### Glossy Silver Certificates Unearthed by Secret Service Men.

Since five counterfeit $1 bills were discovered in the deposits of the State bank of Braddock Tuesday, it has developed that a scheme of manufacturing and putting bad money into circulation is now in progress throughout Western Pennsylvania. It is thought the money consists entirely of the $1 bills. Pittsburgh, Allegheny and several surrounding towns have been discovering the fraud little by little. Now Government officials are at work.

The method used in making the paper is not in practice by small counterfeiters generally. The plates are made from a drawing which is a fac-simile of the genuine money. The series that is being imitated is the silver certificate. Yesterday secret service men discovered about 100 of the bills in circulation between Pittsburgh and McKeesport. They are found at banks and stores and were detected by their glossy appearance and smooth touch.

# YALE BLUE TRIUMPHS OVER PRINCETON ORANGE

## PRINCETON BEATEN BY THE YALE SEVEN

### Winners Shot Two Goals and Losers One in Extra Ten Minutes of Play.

### BEHR IS AGAIN THE STAR

The Yale seven was victorious over Princeton in an extra period contest, which was at times exciting and then listless, last night at Duquesne garden 2 to 1. All the scoring was done in the extra 10 minutes of play.

A run down the ice from the Yale net by Behr, the freshman, with a shot through the entire orange and black forward line and past the defense, in which excellent judgment was exercised in getting past his opponent, got Yale the first goal. It came two minutes after the face-off, Zahniser, for Princeton, taking the puck to Yale's net, where Behr secured it.

Five minutes later Leak put the puck into Yale's final, which was in the nature of a very lucky one, as he got the rubber out of a scrimmage, taking a wild shot toward the cage, and it went on a bound and into the net. The shot was lucky and the score was tempted Cornell took the puck from the middle of the ice to Princeton's part of the rink and shot the goal from a scrimmage.

The fact that the teams played a tie game the night previous, 50 minutes being played without a winner being determined, served to bring out a crowd last night, and there were over 4,000 persons in attendance.

The game was a good one for college teams, and Yale again had slightly the advantage. But she lost it would have been a hard one to beat, as the work of the Blue stands in the direction of Princeton's net were many and hard.

Princeton, too, had many opportunities to shoot, but proved quite some great stops, as did Chislett, the Pittsburgh boy, for the orange. The bright star of the night, however, was Behr, and he, with Cornell, turned up the longest and best runs of the game, although they were not productive of scores, as Zahniser and King, the defense men, either stopped them or the pass from one to the other went wrong.

Zahniser got in several runs down the field during the game, and Yale had hard work in saving being scored upon, as it seemed that the scrimmages which followed savored of goals.

The work of Behr on the night previous made him look very formidable to Princeton when it came to shooting, and last night he was closely watched. Furnell, who really played the best game on the forward line for Princeton, let no chances go whereby he could put Behr out of the running when he started after the puck. Behr was not easily bowled over, however. Rex Flinn put up another strong game at point for Yale. The lineup:

| Yale—2. | Princeton—1. |
|---|---|
| Paverley ..... Goal ..... | Chislett |
| Flinn ..... Point ..... | King |
| Wilson ..... Cover Point ..... | Zahniser |
| Adams ..... Forward ..... | Dallmeyer |
| Cornell ..... Center ..... | Furnell |
| Howland ..... Right Wing ..... | Chew |
| Behr ..... Left Wing ..... | Leak |

Goals—Behr, Leak, Cornell. Referee—Russell.

After last night's contest the players on the Princeton team were dissatisfied with the result, and at once challenged Yale to play another contest. This challenge was accepted, and the college sevens will play their final game on the ice at Duquesne garden this evening.

### Pittsburgh Team Was Beaten.

INDIANA, PA., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The Indiana basketball team had no trouble in defeating the Smoky City team. Prettier work was never seen on the local floor. In the first half the visitors scored but once, when Schmidt got a field goal. The second half was fast and furious. O'Donnel of Pittsburgh Lyceum taking the place of Schmidt, and Douthett of Mt. Oliver replacing Norman. The final score was: Indiana 32, Smoky City, 11. Line up and score:

| Indiana—32. | Smoky City—11. |
|---|---|
| B. McCreight ..... Forward ..... | Metzker |
| Woodhead ..... Forward ..... | Stallinger |
| St. Clair ..... Center ..... | Schmidt |
| Gamble ..... Guard ..... | Geisler |
| C. McCreight ..... Guard ..... | Mcanan |

Field goals—McCreight 5, Moorhead 3, St. Clair, Gamble, C. McCreight 3, Metzker, Stallinger 2, Schmidt, Douthett. Foul goals—Moorhead 4, Geisler.

### Pittsburgh Five a Winner.

The Pittsburgh Five defeated the Etna A. C. last night 45 to 14. Score:

| Pittsburgh Five—45. | Etna A. C.—14. |
|---|---|
| Dickson ..... Forward ..... | Criswell |
| Campbell ..... Forward ..... | Kurl |
| Stehle ..... Center ..... | Eisengart |
| Wagner ..... Guard ..... | Alperman |
| Seibel ..... Guard ..... | Lamp |

Goals from field—Wagner 7, Campbell 3, Stehle 3, Dickson 2, Lampe 2, Seibel, Kurl 4, Criswell 3. Goals from fouls—Dickson 3. Substitutions—Moore for Campbell, Campbell for Wagner. Lampe for Stehle.

### Barth Defeated Ryan.

At the Evans City Opera house Tuesday night Fred Barth of Kittanning defeated Tommy Ryan in a wrestling match for a $100 purse offered by the club. It was one of the hardest fought matches ever seen in that section, as the work of the two men fully bears Barth won first fall in 24½ minutes, Ryan getting the next one in 7 minutes. Barth then won the next two falls in 10 and 28 minutes.

### Will Hold a Stag Euchre.

The Herron Hill Athletic club will give a stag euchre to-night at their rooms, Wylie and Belford avenue. Euchre starts at 8 o'clock sharp, and good prizes will be given.

### Basketball Notes.

In the preliminary to the National-Eagle game the Eagle Midgets defeated the Duquesne Midgets, 23 to 8.

South Side Eagle Midgets went to Mt. Oliver and defeated the Mt. Oliver Midgets, 10 to 1. The Eagles' team work was fine.

The Eagles of South Side opened the season with one of the best games ever played on the South Side, the Nationals of Allegheny defeating them, 20 to 19.

The Superiors are without a game for Saturday, January 2, and would like to hear from all 18-year-old teams. Address Bellevue, Penn P. O., Eclipse of Carnegie and Marquette. Address John R. Neely, No. 2706 Shady avenue, Allegheny.

The Central Amateur Hockey league will play its games Thursday evenings, instead of Friday, at Duquesne garden. This change was necessary on account of the Western Pennsylvania Hockey league switching its games from Thursday to Friday.

The Kingsley second team defeated the Virginias in the latters' ball last evening, 27 to 14. Kingsley's team work and Boyle's goal shooting proved too much for the Virginias. In a preliminary game the Kingsley third team defeated the Virginia second, 17 to 5.

The Schillers Globe basketball team would like to hear from any 11 to 12-year-old teams having balls, such as Homestead Tigers, Hillsides, Knoxville, Mt. Oliver Midgets and St. Aloysius. For games address Peter Schmitt, care Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, machine shop drawing room, city.

There will be a game of basketball at Dellaven on New Year's night, when the Glenshaw team gravels to that town to play. The Glenshaws expect to take with them about 100 rooters, who will travel in sleds and as they have confidence in their team to win, they will make things lively for the other team.

Capt. Brennan requests the players of the Manchester to report at Ninth and Carson streets at 6:30 o'clock sharp. The Maydowers would like to arrange games with the Perrysville Reserves, Weston Juniors, Mt. Oliver Midgets, and a return game with Duquesne. Address Thomas Brennan, care Joseph Horne Co., shipping department.

The Fayettes of Allegheny will play their next game at Evans City with the team of that place. The boys expect to bring home another victory, as the team has been practicing hard. The manager has not yet filled his schedule, and teams desiring games can have the same by addressing Charles C. Bittner, No. 1010 Faulkner street, Allegheny, Pa. Veniers and Fosters preferred.

### Hockey Notes.

The Victor Hockey club of Allegheny will meet the strong Wilkinsburg seven at the Colosseum today at 2 p. m. Victors are strengthened by two of last year's players, Fisher and Mutchmeier, who are home from school on their vacation.

The Herron A. C. hockey team has gone through the season so far without losing a game. They will play some great hockey Saturday, when they played the Crafton seven at Ingram, which game ended in the score of 1 to 1, neither team being able to score in the extra five minutes. Last night the Herron A. C.'s puck passed the Herron A. C.'s goalkeeper, Sykes, who is one of the best amateur goalkeepers in Western Pennsylvania. The Herron A. C.'s call for the fastest amateur hockey defense-man when they played the Crafton seven at Ingram, which game ended in the score of 1 to 1, neither team being able to score in the extra five minutes. Last night the Herron A. C.'s puck passed the Herron A. C.'s goalkeeper, Sykes, who is one of the best amateur goalkeepers in Western Pennsylvania. The Herron A. C.'s call for the fastest amateur hockey defense-man of Western Pennsylvania and are willing to meet all comers that are strictly amateur. Next Saturday they will meet the strong Chess-comb of East End, and Dec. 31 they are request-ed to meet at the club room at 9 o'clock New Year's morning to go to their lake on Wightman street to practice for the game next Saturday.

## JIMMY MILLER TO GO TO LOS ANGELES CLUB

### Leaves Eastern League for the Coast—Orbin Will Play Independent Ball Next Season.

Jimmy Miller, the local infielder who is one of the most popular little players this community ever turned out, will very likely be with the Los Angeles, Cal., club of the Pacific Coast league next season. Miller was with Jimmy Gardner, the Pittsburgher, who managed the Toronto Eastern league team last summer, but Los Angeles offers him more money than he is getting in the east. He said yesterday he would go to the coast unless Toronto gives him as much as he can get in the west. Los Angeles is a member of the Ohlman league.

Miller is a former Homestead player, being a member of the Steel Town team when it cut such a swath in independent ball throughout the state four years ago. He left Homestead to go to the Eastern league, going to Rochester. He was with the New York Nationals three years ago for an engagement.

Walter Orbin, the Pittsburgh boy who captained the University of Pennsylvania nine last spring and who finished the season with the Worcesters of the New England league, may may retire from the league to play independent ball. Orbin, who is a graduate in medicine at Penn, leaves today for Scranton, where he will enter the Moses Taylor hospital as a physician.

He will stay in the hospital until about the first of May, when he will have a leave of absence for sixty days. Likely he will then start on one of the independent teams in the eastern part of the state. Wilmington, Del., would like to have him. He played short at Penn last spring, but at Worcester he played the fields and outfield. He played under the name of Hurst in the Eastern league.

John F. Moeller, manager of the Iroquois club, one of the best young baseball teams in Pittsburgh, will again be at the head of the team the coming season, and he plans to give the fans the best aggregation of youngsters in recent years. Mueller will have the best players of last year's team, and he will engage material from other clubs. Jay Zahniser of last year's team, who will be a prominent candidate for the Princeton nine; Ray Burns, the young left-handed pitcher of Notre Dame, and Bill McKenna will be old players on the team. Mueller has played football in recent years. Mueller will have the best players of last year's team, and he will engage material from other clubs. Jay Zahniser of last year's team, who will be a prominent candidate for the Princeton nine; Ray Burns, the young left-handed pitcher of Notre Dame, and Bill McKenna will be old players on the team. Mueller has played football in recent years.

Pitcher "Soldier" Mullin yesterday sent a signed contract to the Fort Wayne club. Mullin last week got his release from Dayton at his request and left at once for his home in Fort Wayne. Memphis and Nashville of the Southern league sought him, as did Terre Haute and Fort Wayne, in the Central league. He liked the latter's offer best.

## BOOKIES' GOOD DAY.

### Only One Favorite Could Get to the Front at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—Big Ben was the only winning favorite today, and the books had a good day. Weather clear; track fast.

First, mile—Take Comfort, 107, Minder, 15 to 8, won; John Conlter, 98, Biggins, 4 to 1, second; Ithian, 92, W. Fisher, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:50 4-5.

Second, mile and a quarter—Booster, 92, W. Hennessy, 3 to 2, won; Maley, 96, Lindsey, 6 to 1, second; Mary Moore, 81, Aubuchon, 3 to 1, third. Time, 2:08 4-5.

Third, six furlongs, handicap.—Agnes Brennan, 103, Gaynon, 3 to 1, won; Allista, 111, Fuller, 15 to 1, second; Komombo, 105, Helgeser, 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:02.

Fourth, selling, mile and 70 yards.—Captain Gaines, 103, Minder, 11 to 5, won; Lee King, 96, Jenkins, 25 to 1, second; Bard of Avon, 95, H. Phillips, 9 to 2, third. Time, 1:46 4-5.

Fifth, six furlongs.—Ben, 112, Robbins, 2 to 5, won; Parisenne, 111, Fuller, 8 to 2, second; Invincible, 98, H. Phillips, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:18 3-5.

Sixth, selling, mile and 70 yards.—Khadi, 94, W. Hennessy, 10 to 1, won; Henry of Franstemar, 88, J. Hennessy, 12 to 1, second; One More, 97½, Higgins, 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:46.

## THE INGLESIDE RACES.

### A Couple of Good Things Were Put Through.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Following are the summaries at Ingleside. Weather clear; track fast:

First race, Futurity course, selling—Troy, 102, Hildebrand, 5 to 1, won; Oroviva, 103, Larson, 3 to 1, second; Yellow Stone, 111, Hoar, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:14.

Second race, 6 furlongs, purse—Rockaway, 118, Burns, 7 to 10, won; Otto Steifel, 114, Boland, 8 to 1, second; Judge, 118, J. Daly, 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:14.

Third race, Futurity course, selling—Jennie Hughes, 103, Hildebrand, 12 to 1, won; Mountebank, 111, J. Martin, 5 to 2, second; Planet, 93, Connell, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:13⅘.

Fourth race, 1 mile and 70 yards, selling—Arthur Ray, 102, Haack, 15 to 1, won; Expedient, 104, Bell, 15 to 1, second; Dotterel, 90, Kunz, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:45¾.

Fifth race, mile and 70 yards, handicap—San Nicholas, 117, Bell, 11 to 5, won; Iridius, 117, J. Martin, 2 to 1, second; Dolly Hayman, 105, Lowe, 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:45¾.

Sixth race, mile, selling—Red Cross Nurse, 95, Hildebrand, 8 to 1, won; Avenger, 106, Burns, 5 to 1, second; Ebony, 105, J. Martin, 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:41¼.

### Strong Game for Lyceum.

At Pittsburgh Lyceum hall, Washington street, tonight there will be two games of basketball. The strong Beltzhoover team will line up against the Lyceum match league team. Hans Lobert, captain and forward of the Beltzhoovers, is confident of holding the score down, and as both teams are in good condition a warm game is looked for. Lineup:

| Lyceum. | Beltzhoover. |
|---|---|
| McGovern ..... Forward ..... | Lobert |
| Yeager ..... Forward ..... | Smythe |
| O'Donnell-Randall.. Center ..... | Dipple |
| Dellnath ..... Guard ..... | Kostka |
| Lashbrook-Rose .. Guard ..... | Knafo |

The preliminary games will be between Birmingham team of South Side and the Lyceum Juniors. This game will begin at 8:30 sharp. Lineup:

| Lyceum Juniors. | Birmingham. |
|---|---|
| Rosser ..... Forward ..... | Rotz |
| Daly ..... Forward ..... | Jones |
| Archer ..... Center ..... | Nelson |
| Nunan ..... Guard ..... | Miller |
| Hook ..... Guard ..... | Horn |

Referee—Barker.

### Bowling Scores Last Night.

Liberty Valley League—Liberty alleys—

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|---|---|---|---|
| Dunnsene: | | | |
| Totals ..... | 699 | 698 | 741 |
| Signal: | | | |
| Totals ..... | 751 | 725 | 712 |
| At Braddock— | | | |
| Brunston: | | | |
| Totals ..... | 561 | 506 | 560 |
| Braddock: | | | |
| Totals ..... | 802 | 650 | 655 |
| On Wylie avenue alleys— | | | |
| Standards: | | | |
| Double ..... | 907 | 851 | 814 |
| Rough Riders: | | | |
| Totals ..... | 897 | 800 | 551 |

### Has a Fine Bowling Record.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Superintendent John S. Oursler of the Shenango Valley Steel plant, this city, holds the individual bowling record in this place. In a series of eight games played he scored 1,690 pins, an average of 223⅘ pins to the game, in the bowling contest the United States Steel team, of which Oursler is an inserter, holds the team record of 965 pins in a single game. The world's record is 1,167 pins.

### Playing for a Silver Cup.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Great interest is being taken in the series of basketball games now being played under the auspices of the T. M. C. A. for the championship of the city. The Sioux team leads having won three straight games.

## COMING FORTUNE SMILED AND UNCLE SAM LOST

Because he has a fortune of $26,000 coming to him in March, 1906, an applicant at the local naval recruiting station objected to the four-year term yesterday. Though he had passed the medical examination and had his papers made out, the young man said he understood the term to be two years, and 'cause he called off his contemplated navy life. He said he did not want to be tied up after he got his big money.

## HOW TO PREVENT KISHINEFF MURDERS

At a gathering of representative Jews, assembled last night in a hall in Center avenue for the purpose of discussing and considering the perilous situation of the Jews at Kishineff, Russia, it was unanimously decided to address to the public at large of this community, through the medium of the local press, a letter asking for suggestions as to methods to be followed to prevent the intended attack set for January 7, the Christmas day of the Greek church.

### Beggar Had a Revolver.

Councilman Jefferson Davis of McKees Rocks went to the door of his house last night and admitted a beggar who wanted something to eat. When the door was closed the beggar drew a revolver and demanded money. Davis handed him $22.

## GREAT ST FEATHERWEIGHT FIGHTER IN THE WORLD

### That Is Jeffries' Opinion of Young Corbett—McGovern May Meet Eddy Hanlon.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Champion Jeffries said today: "Young Corbett is without a doubt the greatest fighter in the world in the featherweight class. His victory over Hanlon last night stamped him as a genuine champion and one well capable of defending his title.

"If men have been a good battle, judging from the reports which came over the wire from the ringside, Hanlon seemed to have the best of some of the early rounds, but Corbett's ring generalship was too much for him. Had Corbett not been in the best possible condition he would surely have gone down to defeat.

"Hanlon fought while there was any life in him, but the continuous punching that he received about the head and body rendered him helpless and it was a humane act when the referee stopped the bout. He was game, and there is no doubt but that the best man won.

Sam Harris, Terry McGovern's manager, when asked this afternoon whether he would match his pugilistic protege against Hanlon, said: I am perfectly willing to have McGovern fight Hanlon. It would be a grand bout. Of course, I should prefer Young Corbett to Hanlon on account of the chance Corbett has to win, but if Corbett is to meet Britt, Hanlon looks more presumable."

## METCALF'S PLACE FILLED.

### Massachusetts Man Appointed Superintendent of Money Order System.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The postmaster general has appointed Edward F. Kimball of Massachusetts superintendent of the money order system of the Post-office department. Mr. Kimball has been in charge of this branch of the service since the term of H. C. Whitcomb, during which time he has made many improvements.

John F. Sawyer of Minnesota, a veteran clerk in the salary and allowance division of the postoffice department, has been appointed assistant superintendent of that office with headquarters in the west, succeeding C. M. Waters, appointed superintendent of the division, to succeed George W. Beavers. M. H. Flint, assistant superintendent of the division at San Francisco, it is understood has been selected as postmaster at Los Angeles, Cal.

Postmaster General Payne is considering the question of the reorganization of the division of supplies of the postoffice department, with a view to improving administrative methods generally.

### Left Estate of $12,729,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—According to a report just made by the surrogates appraiser, Henry P. Plant, the founder of the Plant system of railways, steamships and hotels, who died in 1899, left $12,729,000.

### CHAMPAGNE MAKING.

**How It Is Done in New York State.**

The average citizen who drinks champagne has a well-defined opinion that it is a pleasant beverage, obtained at a lofty price, which furnishes a combination sensation the evening before and a splitting headache the next morning. He has no idea how the golden-hued cure remover is made, or the labor necessary to produce the delicate flavor which goes so well with canvasback ducks, hot birds and other delectable dishes. Yet it is an interesting process, from the time that the white-skinned grape, ripened by the autumn sun, is gathered, until the bottle in its straw overcoat is sent forth to its fate.

The bulk of the champagne drunk in this country comes from France, and yields a pretty income in the way of tax to Uncle Samuel. Time was when most of our delicacies were imported, but the number of them has grown steadily less, and the time will come when American wines will largely supplant the foreign article. If the reader doubts this, let him sit down with a friend—not, of course, a wine expert—and order a bottle each of the five or six grades of French champagne; have the bottles swathed in a napkin and bet that his friend cannot distinguish the home grown wine from the other; it will prove an even wager and an interesting one, particularly to the winner.

Perhaps the most favored section in the United States for wine making, certainly for champagne, is the Pleasant valley section in New York state. It is on the same isothermal line as the champagne district of France, and its climate is especially adapted to grape culture, which has been its chief industry for half a century. It has been said of the foreign champagne that it contains "the bottled sunshine of the peasant girls of France," and the Pleasant valley champagne must contain some of the sunshine that sparkles on the blue water of Lake Reuka, where sloping banks, 100 feet or more high, are covered from almost the water's edge with green vineyards.

Along this beautiful valley are a half score of wine companies producing catawbas, ports, clarets and champagnes. The largest and best-known of these is the Pleasant Valley Wine Company, of Rheims, which was organized in 1860, and whose plant compares favorably with those of the European wine makers. It was through the courtesy of the officials of the company that the writer was enabled to witness the transformation of the grape into Great Western champagne (the name given it, by the way, by Marshall P. Wilder, who thought it short a appropriate this western continent for a cheap wine), and to see stored in its cellars 1,500,000 bottles. Think of the thirst that stock will assuage!

The company's sales for the past year were 18,000 cases, so there is the comforting thought that the supply will not give out, even should there be a failure in the grape crop for a year or two.

Grapes are bought by the ton. Prices range from $40 to $150 a ton, the latter price being reached this year. The grapes used for champagne are carefully sorted before going into the presses. These presses are like cider mills, on a larger scale, and crush the juice out thoroughly and quickly. Passing through them, the "must," or new wine, is conducted in large tubs, where all particles of skin or seed are removed; it is then run into casks holding from 2,000 to 4,000 gallons each, where it remains until it passes through the first fermentation, when it is drawn off into other well-cleaned casks, when it is ready for blending.

This consists of bringing into harmony the different juices from different varieties of grapes, producing the flavor of the champagne desired, supplying just the requisite amount of saccharine. The product then undergoes bottling, the corks to the bottle being held in place by steel clasps, while the second fermentation takes place in the cellars, where the bottles commence to break in a lively fashion, when they are lowered into cooler vaults, where they remain until the wine is fully ripe. At this stage the sediment has settled upon the neck of the bottle, and the latter is placed upon cleaning tables, where they rest with necks downwards, at an angle of 45 degrees. Here they are shaken by hand with a gentle rotary motion twice a day for four or five weeks until the sediment has all worked down upon the cork.

They are then hoisted, tip down, to the finishing room. The steel clasp is removed and the old cork, with the accumulated sediment, pops out, and a temporary stopper supplied. The wine is then passed on to the next operator; he sits at a rotary table, giving the revolving bottles a measured quantity of syrup, composed of sugar crystals dissolved in old wine, which furnishes the desired sweetness.

The permanent cork is then inserted. This is done by an ingenious machine which clasps the lower end of the fat cork in a conical-shaped vise and squeezes it until the cork, which is about the length of a bottle, while an iron plunger descends with force enough to drive it in an inch or so; another machine is used to smash the remaining cylindrical part of the cork into the rounded head which is typical of the champagne cork.

The bottle then passes to a machine which in a single stroke applies the tin cap and wires and ties them securely. While the last machine, with a die shaped to adapt the bottle, clasps them, and silver foil neatly and closely over cork, wires and neck. The bottle is then washed and labeled and is ready for packing. During the entire process each bottle has been handled about 100 times, and the transition from grape to the champagne has required about three years' time.

It now goes forth with a potency for good or evil, to prove a health restorer to the invalid, or to provide the basis for a debauch, as the case may be. Prohibition "don't" although the Pleasant Valley people say that the sunshine on their hills and the blue water in their Lake Keuka are healthful things, and they do not bottle up the headaches the foreign brands contain.

## TRAVIS SHOWS HIS GREAT SKILL

### The Amateur Golf Champion Was First in Medal Play With Pittsburgh Player Second.

### FOWNES' CLEVER DISPLAY

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

PINEHURST, N. C., Dec. 30.—Walter J. Travis, the amateur champion has things pretty much his own way in the medal play qualification rounds of the special inauguration tournament which opened the winter's program of stated fixtures today, winning the gold medal offered for the best score, equal to, with two rounds of 78 each, 11 strokes better than the nearest opponent, W. C. Fownes, Jr., of the Highland Golf club, Pittsburgh, and completely disconcerting the old champion, John G. Anderson of the Lakewood club and John M. Ward of the Fox Hills club, who scored 101 to 176, qualifying third and fifth respectively.

Travis made a progress of a record-breaking round, going out in the morning in 2, 4, 2, 5, 4, 5, 5, 3, 4—34, coming in, however, with trouble. He made 44.

The first 16 to qualify were as follows: Walter J. Travis, Garden City, 37—41—78; W. C. Fownes, Jr., Pittsburgh, 41—37—78; John Mollen, Jr., Lakewood, 36—34—170; W. C. Freeman, Montclair club, N. J., 40—45—175; John M. Ward, Fox Hill club, 39—39—176; F. C. Hotchkiss, Washington, 38—38—176; H. C. Fownes, Pittsburgh, 40—37—177; R. A. Freeman, Montclair, 38—39—177; C. B. McClurmon, Washington, 44—34—178; J. W. Kendall, Philadelphia, 38—41—179; C. H. Fownes, Pittsburgh, 34—37—151; W. J. Evans, Manchester, 41—38—151; P. L. Small, Philadelphia, 40—40—180; George Low, Jr., Montclair, 39—41—180; 37—143; Jaspar Lynch, Lakewood, 36—34—185; F. E. Austin, Philadelphia, 36—41—186.

Among the second 16 to qualify were W. C. Fownes, Jr., Wright Cooper, Miss Miller Rogers, Edgewith Golf club, Pittsburgh, 101—96—197, and S. Y. Ramage, Oil City Golf club, 101—103—204.

### School Sevens Will Meet.

What promises to be one of the most interesting hockey games of the vacation season will be played at the Colosseum outdoor rink, Allegheny, at 9 o'clock this afternoon. The contestants will be Allegheny High school and a team composed of Pittsburgh boys home on their vacation from Kiskiminetas Springs school. This will be one of the first games of hockey played on the new rink, and will undoubtedly act as a criterion as to whether hockey will be a success this winter. It will be to the best interests of the game to have as many persons at the game as possible. There will be skating for all before and after the game. Both teams will present a formidable appearance in the following lineup:

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|---|---|
| Kiski. | Allegheny. |
| P. Cunningham ..... Forward ..... | Kamerover |
| S. Cunningham ..... Center ..... | Miller |
| Mattocks ..... Center ..... | Mutchmeier |
| Robertson ..... Wing ..... | Thompson |
| Caughey ..... Cover ..... | Penrose |
| Weller ..... Point ..... | McKown |
| Hamill ..... Goal ..... | Canthers |

Referee—Spahler.

### The Good Old Scottish Game.

Mr. E. M. Bigelow has granted the use of Carnegie Lake for a game of Curling on Friday morning, and parties who wish to take part in the game will please report to Mr. J. N. Drape some time today.

## EAST M'KEESPORT MAN IS HEIR TO $500,000

Samuel P. Sharpless of East McKeesport, who has worked for a number of years for wages that are not very high, received word yesterday that an uncle had died in Germany, leaving an estate of $500,000. Sharpless, it is said is the only surviving heir. He is preparing to go to Germany.


## The Three Rivers

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CINCINNATI, Dec. 30.—The gauge of the river at 6 p. m. today marked 32.3 feet and falling, making a fall of 1.2 feet during the past 24 hours. Weather clear and moderating somewhat. Of course navigation is still suspended out of this harbor. For the first time in all the fall day, the river being about half full. The bridges broke up all of the large fields. The harbor boats were able to find some coal with the upper landings, but the task was a rather severe one.

MARIETTA—River 7.5 feet and falling. Zero weather. River full of heavy ice.

HUNTINGTON—River 11 feet 5 inches and falling. Cold.

PARKERSBURG—River 8.5 feet and falling. Weather clear and cold. Ice growing heavier.

GALLIPOLIS—River 6 feet and falling. Ice heavier. Weather clear and cold.

POINT PLEASANT—River 7 feet 10 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and cold. No boats.

GREENSBORO—River 8 feet 1 inch and falling and frozen. Weather clear and cold.

STEUBENVILLE—River 6 feet 8 inches and falling. Weather clear and cold. John W. Mackey down at 11 a. m.

WARREN—River 5 feet 4 inches. Weather fair and cold.

OIL CITY—River 2 feet 1 inch and falling. Weather clear and cold.

WHEELING—River 7 feet 6 inches and falling. Snow and cold. John Mackey down.

LOUISVILLE—River rising, 7 feet 2 inches in the canal. Falls 12 feet 7 inches below locks. Weather clear and cold.

## WANT A DAM PUT UP.

### Coal Men Say It Can Be Done, but Uncle Sam Says "No."

Low water in local harbors is causing trouble for coal companies. On account of the great fall, shipments to the ports have been lightened at the usual increased cost in transportation. A cry has been raised to have Davis Island dam put up. It is declared by the coal men that the dam could be erected under present ice conditions. They think gorges in the ...ngahela will not break for a long time and say the ice in the Monongahela is not thick enough to cause any trouble. Even Col. T. M. Roberts of the United States engineers' office said yesterday that the dam will remain down because of fear that ice will gorge above the dam, causing great difficulty and damage. Ice is now in the Ohio at Sewickley harbor, yesterday that the Pittsburgh & Cracksion wharf boat was moved out some distance. If the water falls much more, boats that are now fast up along the wharf will be compelled to leave for deeper water.

Ice has commenced to cause trouble in the Monongahela. Pools are frozen so that it is hard for boats to keep open a channel. A large number of shifted along the river banks are compelled to close down because of the ice around them. Coal may go up to price if the present cold weather continues long, but a gradual rise in temperature will soon bring relief, especially with continued rain. A gradual thaw is hoped for, as ice in the Allegheny will not cause damage. It was reported yesterday that an ice gorge had formed to the Monongahela above McKeesport.

### River Notes.

The stage of water at Davis Island dam at 8 o'clock last night was 5 feet and the river was stationary.

The Volunteer and Rieber sailed into the Pittsburgh harbor this morning, both with empties. The Rieber is laid up for repairs.

Ice gorges are forming in both the Monongahela and Youghiogheny rivers. As the current is slow and the rivers are low there is no imminent danger. At Elrama, which is the point known as Driftmill Shoals, the ice is piled up five feet.

A report from Gallipolis yesterday was that the Pittsburgh towboats, from there, had received considerable damage. The Ohio is 15 miles below that town yesterday morning and were slightly damaged. Gorges in the Kanawha river moved a short distance and many boats that were forced out from mouth of the river are said to be in great danger.


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## CHICKEN BONE CAUSED THE DEATH OF DORRIS

### Chinese Restaurant Dish Contained the Fatal Article—Italian Wanted for Murder.

Frank Dorris, aged 40, a laborer, died at the Homeopathic hospital last night, from the effects of swallowing a chicken bone on December 26, in a Chinese restaurant. Dorris lived at the Wabash lodging house, in Ferry street.

James G. White, 25 years old, a trainman of Sharpsburg, died at the Allegheny General hospital yesterday of injuries received on the Pittsburgh & Western railroad Tuesday.

Edward C. Jacobs died at the McKeesport hospital yesterday of burns received in the Duquesne steel works, Tuesday.

The inquest in the case of Guida Di Naldi, who was shot and killed October 2, at Turtle Creek, was held yesterday, and the jury recommended that Girolina D. Andrea be apprehended and held to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of murder.

James Lewis, aged 14, of Fairhaven, was killed by a fall of slate in the Fairhaven mines of the Neeling Coal Company yesterday.

## MAY BUY DUQUESNE COLLEGE CHARTER

### Greensburg People Hope to Thus

# PANIC-CRAZED RUSHED TO DEATH

## Will J. Davis Declares the Exits Would Have Saved a Cool-Headed Crowd.

## STAGE PEOPLE WERE FRANTIC

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—One large truck ordinarily used for conveying freight to depots, was so heavily loaded with dead in front of the theater that the two large horses attached to it were unable to start and the police were compelled to assist by tugging at the wheels. When the need for trucks to remove the dead was more pressing, a huge electric delivery wagon owned by Montgomery, Ward & Co., was hailed by the police. While the police and firemen were carrying out the dead and injured, Will J. Davis, one of the proprietors of the theater, was indefatigable in his efforts to alleviate all suffering and to assist in caring for the dead. He said:

### Panic Caused Death.

"There was no need so far as I know of a single life being lost. There were over 10 exits to the theater. The building is fireproof and if somebody had not screamed 'fire' I think that all, as far as those killed in the panic are concerned, could have reached the street in safety. And of those who were suffocated by the gas, nearly all would have been out by the time the explosion occurred, if order had been preserved in making their exits. As far as we have learned everybody on the first floor except three escaped, although some sustained bruises and other minor injuries. The great loss of life was in the first and second balconies. These combined will seat about 900 persons. The sale of seats had been good, but was not up to the capacity and as far as I can estimate the balconies between them held between 750 and 800 people. The top balcony, where the cheapest seats were located, was the most crowded and it is here that the crowd found most difficulty in struggling toward the exits."

### Theory of Management.

It was declared tonight by the management of the theater that the fire was not caused by the grounding of an electric wire or by defect in the equipment of the theater. It started, they claim, by the bursting of a calcium light apparatus. The concussion was so great that it blew out the skylights over the stage and auditorium. This statement of the theater management is contradicted by many persons who were in the theater, and who declared that before the explosion occurred they saw flames in a narrow streak creeping along the wall near the upper part of the curtain.

William C. Sellers, the house fireman, who was severely burned in trying to lower the asbestos curtain, describes the scene upon the stage and the cause of the fire as follows:

"I was standing in the wings when I heard the explosion, and then, immediately afterward, a cry of fire from the stage and all over the theater. Looking up, I saw that the curtain was ablaze, and at once I ran for the fire curtain. We got half way down, when the flaming wind rushing in from the broken skylights 'bellied' it out so that it caught, and we could not budge it.

### Could Not Move Curtain.

"With the stage hands, I climbed to where it was suspended, and together we tried to push it down. Our efforts were futile, and seeing that no human power could move that fire curtain, and that the stage was a mass of flames, I turned my attention to warning the actors and trying to save those who were in trouble. The women were frantic and the men not much better. I stood at the stairway leading to the dressing rooms where the chorus people were located and kept a scrub from going up to get their street clothes. As the others came down I forced them to leave the building. I don't know how they ever got out, all those girls and men, who came crowding down the stairs, for the stage entrance was blocked by a mass of flames."

# TICKET TAKER'S STORY

## Tried to Assist in Rescue and Was Caught in Whirlpool.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—E. Leavitt, the ticket taker at the theater, was at the main entrance, and realizing the gravity of the situation at a glance, he burst open the three double doors and then ran to turn in the fire alarm.

"I heard the crash and saw the mob rushing for the door," said he. "I could not see the fire from where I stood, and I thought that it was not so bad as it really was. I tried to calm them, but I saw it was no use and I burst open the doors. Then I turned in the fire alarm box. Coming back I tried to assist in the rescue and was caught in the mass of struggling humanity and carried out to the street."

# "MAMMA FAINTED AND I DRAGGED HER OUT"

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—"Mamma fainted and I dragged her out myself," said Grace Brannon, 14 years old, who, with her mother is visiting Miss Pariam, 2300 Kenmore avenue. "We were 'way down in front and the smoke was so bad mamma could not stand. I was all right and dragged mamma out."

# THE WEATHER

Warmer and cloudy today is the prediction of the government's weather sharps at Washington. Unless all signs fail, there will be a heavy snow this afternoon or evening. A rising temperature is general throughout the west, while the blizzard is spending its force along the New England coast. The sun rose cloudy at 7:29 a. m. and set cloudy at 4:42 p. m. The following is the report for yesterday, furnished by the local weather bureau:

| Time. | Bare. | Tem. | Hum. | Wind. | Weather. |
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| 8 a. m.... | 30.29 | 4 | 85 | N. W. | Cloudy |
| 8 p. m.... | 30.22 | 16 | 93 | S. W. | Pt. Cloudy |

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 30:

| | 1902 | 1901 | | 1902 | 1901 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maximum ... | 31 | 26 | Mean ..... | 28 | 34 |
| Minimum ... | 20 | 22 | Precipitation | T. | 0.0 |
| Max. tem., 3 p. m. | 18 | | Exc. since Jan. 1... | 32 | |
| Min. tem., 8 a. m. | 0 | | Exc. precip. 31 yrs. | .70 | |
| Mean temperature | 12 | | Precip. for day..... | .10 | |
| Nor. tem. 31 yrs... | 32 | | Def'y. for day..... | .10 | |
| Def'y. for day.... | 20 | | Def'y. since Dec. 1.1.32 | | |
| Def'y. since Dec. 1 | 220 | | Exc. since Jan. 1... | 2.14 | |

### Government Weather Forecast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Forecast:

Western Pennsylvania—Cloudy and warmer Thursday, with probably north portion; snow to north, rain or snow in south portion; fresh to brisk south winds.

Ohio—Fair, warmer Thursday, except snow in northeast portion; Friday, fair in south, rain or snow in south portion; fresh to brisk south winds.

West Virginia—Fair, warmer Thursday, Friday, increasing cloudiness, probably followed by rain or snow.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 o'clock last night:

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| Columbus ... | 18 | Snow | Indianapolis . | 20 | Clear |
| Cincinnati ... | 24 | Cloudy | Harrisburg ... | 26 | Cloudy |
| Cairo ..... | 34 | Clear | Washington ... | 34 | Cloudy |
| Chicago .... | 14 | Snow | Kansas City . | 44 | Clear |
| El Paso.... | 52 | Clear | Jacksonville . | 52 | Clear |
| Louisville .. | 28 | Clear | Philadelphia . | 32 | Clear |
| Memphis ... | 48 | Clear | Montgomery . | 54 | Clear |
| Vicksburg .. | 54 | Clear | Helena ..... | 18 | Pt. Cldy |
| St. Louis ... | 32 | Clear | Minnedosa ... | 18 | Cloudy |
| New York ... | 24 | Pt. Cldy | Duluth ..... | 14 | Clear |
| Cleveland ... | 18 | Clear | New Orleans . | 57 | Clear |
| Buffalo .... | 18 | Snow | Denver ..... | 44 | Clear |
| Des Moines . | 20 | Clear | Salt L. City.. | 28 | Clear |
| Detroit .... | 20 | Clear | Omaha ..... | 32 | Pt. Cldy |
| Marquette .. | 16 | Snow | N. Platte .... | 34 | Clear |
| Pierre ..... | 22 | Cloudy | Dodge City .. | 48 | Clear |
| St. Paul.... | 20 | Clear | Raph. City... | 34 | Clear |

# RESCUES HEROIC; ESCAPES STARTLE

## Thrilling Story of the Way in Which a Box Party Reached Safety.

## A SURVIVOR TELLS HER TALE

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Waiters and cooks from Thompson's restaurant, which adjoins the theater on the east, rescued fifteen people by raising a ladder from the roof of a shed to a window in the rear of the building around which a mass of screaming women and children were congregated. C. Little, the head cook, mounted to the top of the ladder and told them to jump into his arms. Fifteen woman and children did this and were passed by Little down to other men on the ladder below them. One woman attempted to jump into his arms before he was ready to take hold of her and she fell to the alley, fracturing her skull, dying instantly.

D. L. Stanton, of Alpena, Mich., was in the theater with his 15-year-old daughter Mattie, and his niece, Louise Bushway of Chicago. In the rush for the door he became separated from both girls and attempted to fight his way back in order to find them but was buffeted about by the rush of maddened people. He was knocked down, trampled on and his head cut in a dozen places. Not for an hour after being carried out did he learn that the two children had also escaped, both of them being burned badly, his daughter having inhaled flame and being unable to speak.

### Escape of Theater Party.

One of the marvelous escapes was that made by the members of a theater party given by Miss Charlotte E. Plamondon of Chicago. The party was made up of a number of prominent society people of this city; Miss Elsie Elmore of Astoria, Oregon; Miss Mary Peters of Columbus, Ohio, and Miss Josephine Eddy of Evanston, Ill. Miss Plamondon was the first of her party to notice the fire which crept along the top of the drop curtain. She and the second set of other members of the party to the blaze and they all watched it. Miss Plamondon said:

"I could see little girls and boys in the orchestra chairs, pointing upward to the slowly moving line of flame. One of the stage hands wearing overalls appeared before the footlights and requested the audience to keep their seats as there was no danger. Eddie Foy then hurried to the front of the stage and commanded the people to remain calm, saying that if they would keep their seats the danger would be averted. The curtain, however, still burned, pieces of the smouldering cloth falling into the orchestra pit. An effort was made by the stage hands to put out the curtain so that the blazing fragments would not drop into the pit. I looked over the faces of the audience and remarked how many children were present. I could see their faces filled with interest and their eyes wide open. As I watched the burning curtain. Just then the people in the balcony rose to their feet and crowded forward to obtain a better view of the fire. Eddie Foy rushed to the center of the stage again and waved his arms in a gesture, meaning for the people to be seated. At that instant a woman in the front screamed 'Fire!' and the entire audience of women and children rose to their feet filled with uncontrollable terror. In another instant there was a confused roar made by a thousand people as they rushed madly from the impending danger.

### Chorus Girls Were Cool.

"On the stage the chorus girls who had aroused my admiration because of their exhibition of presence of mind, turned to flee, but many of them were overcome before they could take a step. Several of them fell to the floor, and I saw the men in the cast and the stage hands carry them off the stage. Miss Elsie Elmore was the first to leave our box. The upholstering in the ceiling fell on them, and we were compelled to brush fragments of the burning curtain from our clothing in order to prevent them catching fire. Then there came a great roar and a great draft of air and the flames shot out over the gallerie of the theater until it seemed to me as though they must reach the very front walls of the building.

"There were but few men in the audience, but I saw several of them pulling and pushing women and children aside as they fought like maniacs to reach the exits. I saw a number of little children trampled under foot and none of them arose again. In the balcony the scene was beyond my power to describe. There was a big black crush of human beings, each one apparently fighting everybody else. The balcony was so steep that many fell before they had left the first four rows of seats. The exits to the fire escapes were choked and those in the rear rushed with all the strength they possessed upon those who were nearer the doorway.

"It was almost incredible, the speed with which the flames ran through the scenery, and although I was but a second after Miss Elmore in jumping over the railing of our box to the aisle in front, the stage was a mass of flames. As I started up the aisle a man rushed into me and knocked me down. I was so terror-stricken that I grew weak and sank into one of the orchestra chairs and after that I hardly remember anything."

### Walked on Prostrate Bodies.

"In some way I reached the main entrance where men were kicking against the doors and shattering the glass and panels in their attempt to afford a larger space for the exit of the people. Many fell as they reached the doors where a few steps more would have carried them to freedom and safety. As I look at it now I must have been walking on prostrate bodies as I struggled through the opening. All of our party escaped in about the same manner as I did, but all of them suffered so terribly in the matter of clothing that the first thing they did was to rush to the stores to buy wraps to cover them."

### Murderess Is Sentenced.

BRAINERD, MINN., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Myra Jane Williams, convicted of murdering her little daughter, has been sentenced to prison for life.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

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| Melinda K. Walker | Venetia |
| E. C. Patterson | Venetia |
| William Smith | Allegheny |
| Fannie Winslen | Allegheny |
| David Cunningham | Turtle Creek |
| Sadie S. Priddy | Turtle Creek |
| John Bruce | Elizabeth |
| Julia Bierks | Elizabeth |
| Joseph S. Haslett | Tarentum |
| Elizabeth Kern | Tarentum |
| Henry Newman | Allegheny |
| Nellie Stickel | Allegheny |
| Harry J. Good | Hailey |
| Eva V. Woolslayer | New Texas |
| William Miller | Pittsburgh |
| Ada Von Hodemann | Pittsburgh |
| George M. Marshall | Indiana |
| Jessie M. Grosso | Pittsburgh |
| Eugene Coukart | Coraopolis |
| Rose Snyder | Pittsburgh |
| George Tognese | Braddock |
| Carlo Sabatelli | Braddock |
| Joseph Collins | Pittsburgh |
| Esther Jones | McKees Rocks |
| John Williams | Carnegie |
| Isabella G. Gabb | Bruce |
| Charles S. Hill | Pittsburgh |
| Lillie Hinton | Allegheny |
| George W. Brant | Perrysville |
| Annie Hartmann | Perrysville |
| Frank Oeiser | Pittsburgh |
| Lena Meyer | Pittsburgh |
| Robert C. Martin | Edgewood |
| Mary E. Anderson | Whitsburg |
| Charles B. Kearns | Beaver Falls |
| May Sutton | Lock N. 4 |
| Frank M. Boston | Monitooth |
| Mary Hawkins | Monitooth |
| Harry Adamson | Pittsburgh |
| Carrie M. Mathis | Pittsburgh |
| Albert Streit | Brownsville |
| Pearl Jeffries | Brownsville |
| Charles Kennedy | Allegheny |
| Elizabeth Law once | Allegheny |
| Milo E. Heagnon | Pittsburgh |
| Ada Fancy | Pittsburg |
| Max L. Davies | Parkers Landing |
| Anna M. Lee | Emlenton |


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# SOCIETY

MRS. RUSSELL H. BOGGS of North avenue, Allegheny, gave a dance last evening for her daughter, Miss Emma Buhl Boggs, who was the first of the season's debutantes to be introduced. Sharing the honors were Miss Boggs' two house guests, Miss Grace Tillotson of New York and Miss Jane Swindell of Baltimore, who received with Mrs. Boggs and her daughter. Mrs. Boggs wore a handsome white lace robe, Miss Boggs was gowned in white chiffon cloth, Miss Tillotson in hand painted mousseline and Miss Swindell in gold green point de esprit. A large number of the guests were out-of-town girls and men who are spending the holidays here. The ball room of the Schenley, where the dance was held, has never presented a more pleasing appearance than on this occasion of its every gay entertainment. Festooned from arch to arch over the panels in the walls, was light, feathery asparagus, suspended from which were red bells of different sizes, arranged according to their position. Lower down on the walls ropes of holly were arranged in loops and around and above the lights the panels were outlined with holly, while clustered on the lights were masses of pine cones, fruits and frosted leaves, together with the crimson poinsettia. Cozy nooks were formed in each corner of poinsettia plants, cultivated wholly in this city. The stage was particularly effective, with its masses of poinsettia and palms with maidenhair and Creton ferns around the box. The lights in the foyer were shaded with pink silk and in straw-covered pots, placed on wicker standards were the brilliant scarlet-tipped poinsettia. Centerpieces of the same decked the 20 supper tables in the dining room.

### American Pictorial Photography.

An exhibition of American pictorial photography, one of the most important photography exhibitions ever held in America, will be opened in the Carnegie art galleries February 3. The exhibition will be arranged by the Photo-Secession, a national body of pictorial photographers, of which Alfred Stieglitz is the director, and will be held under the auspices of the Camera club of Pittsburg. In connection with the Carnegie institute department of fine arts. This exhibit was originally intended to be shown at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, but on account of the inability of the directors of fine arts to provide sufficient space in the fine arts building it was decided not to exhibit there. Several cities strove to secure the exhibit. Thomas Shields Clarke, Edward Stephans, the director of the Camera club of Pittsburgh and a member of the Photo-Secession, the exhibit was secured for Pittsburgh.

The pictures will be hung February 20 and 300, will be shown by invitation only, about 50 photographers being represented. Among the most prominent exhibitors will be Edward J. Steichen, Gertrude Kasebier, Clarence H. White, Joseph T. Keiley, Frank Eugene, Alvin Langdon Coburn, Alfred Stieglitz, William B. Dyer, Eva Watson-Schutze, S. L. Willard, Edmund Stirling and others.

The pictures will include many of those which have made American photography so famous throughout the European art centers. The private and the collectors' show will be one of the choicest ever shown in this or any other country. The catalogues will surpass anything ever attempted in that line. The souvenir catalogue, illustrated by a number of photo-gravure of the highest artistic excellence. The local arrangements for the exhibit are in charge of Lewis E. Stephany, assisted by O. d. Reiter W. S. Bell, Francis Gaither, Prof. F. T. Aschman and other members of the Camera club.

### Two College Dances.

The Delta Pi society of the Shadyside academy held its annual dance last evening in the Pittsburgh Conservatory of Music. Among the patronesses who received were Mrs. James E. Mellon, Mrs. John Brown Herron, Mrs. William H. Crabbe, Mrs. William C. Hawkins, Mrs. George Heard, Mrs. Harry Martin and Mrs. E. Clarence Schmertz. Prominent in the decorations was the large white banner bearing the name of the society in black letters, other colors being red and green, the colors of the signs of the society insignia. One of several dances for the college sets was given last evening by Mrs. Little Packer Blair at Castleman street for her son, Charles Packer Blair, who is home from Asheville Preparatory school, and her niece, Miss Mabel Packer, who makes her home with her aunt. Mrs. Blair is entertaining Miss Marion Bussey of Philadelphia over the holidays. Miss Hussey will leave the city this morning to attend a reunion of her family in the Quaker City on New Year's day. Mr. Blair will return to College on Monday.

### Phillips—McLachlan.

Miss Mabel Phillips of Highland avenue, Braddock, daughter of the Rev. Nehemiah H. Phillips, pastor of the First Christian church, and Louis Ensley McLachlan of Columbus, O., Ohio state secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, were married yesterday afternoon. The wedding was a brilliant affair, taking place in the First Christian church. The service was performed by the bride's father. The bride was given away. He was assisted by the Rev. Joseph Garvey, pastor of the First Christian church of Youngstown, O. Walter E. Hall, organist of the Twenty-first Street Presbyterian church, city, played the wedding marches. The maid of honor was Miss Lois Kensington of Braddock. The best man was Howard Woodward of Warren, O. The bridesmaids were Miss Gertrude McCune of Braddock and Miss Dorothy Phillips, a younger sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. McLachlan will reside in Columbus.

### Women's Union Meeting.

The semi-annual meeting of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of Allegheny county will be held on Tuesday, January 7, in the First Christian church, Montgomery avenue and Arch street, Allegheny. There will be morning and afternoon sessions, with a basket lunch. Coffee will be served by the hostess society. In the morning Miss Fletcher will read a paper on "Porto Rico" and in the afternoon Miss Cynthia Lapsley will discuss "Work in the Slums," the Rev. Vaclav Loss the "Mission Work in Schoenville," while Mrs. Fleming will tell of missionary efforts among the negroes in the south. The officers to be installed include Mrs. M. F. Hutchins, president; Mrs. G. W. Sloan, vice president; Mrs. Thomas Watera, recording secretary; Mrs. Hiram Loundon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Conroy, treasurer.

### Anson P. Stokes, Jr., Weds.

The marriage of Miss Caroline Green Mitchell to the Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., of New Haven, Conn., took place at St. Bernard's church, Bernardsville, N. J., yesterday. The bridegroom is the third son of Anson Phelps Stokes of New York city. He is secretary of the Yale Corporation and assistant rector of St. Paul's church, New Haven. The bride is the daughter of the late Clarence Green Mitchell.

### Miss Bakewell's Talk on Bookbinding.

A delightful at home of the Art Students' league was held last evening in the Clarke studio, in Oakland, in honor of Miss Euphemia Bakewell, who spent the greater portion of the last two years in Europe, returning home only a few months ago. Last year Miss Bakewell was in England. She gave a talk on bookbinding, having taken a course in bookbinding and its allied arts while abroad. The talk was illustrated with examples of artistic bookbinding.

### Elks Ball.

One of the events of the season will be the New Year's ball given by the Pittsburgh lodge, No. 11, B. P. O. Elks, at their club house, Fifth avenue and Jumonville street, tonight. This event will be the second annual New Year's ball of the club. After 12 o'clock New Year's, the event will be turned to a leap year party. Supper will be served from 2 to 3 o'clock in the large banquet hall of the club. Covers will be laid to accommodate 400 guests. Visitors will be admitted on the invitation of any member of the club. An extra committee has been appointed besides the house committees for the affair, and everything will be done to make it enjoyable. The ball room has been tastefully decorated.

### Elk's Theatricals.

The first Annual Christmas entertainment for children was given by members of Allegheny lodge No. 339, B. P. O. E., in the new clubhouse in Cedar avenue. A little play, entitled "Santa's a Day Late," was given under the management of J. C. McLaughlin. In the cast were 22 children. Mr. McLaughlin was Santa Claus. Miss Mary Sloan took the part of Columbia and Miss Marion Condon appeared as Britannia. The "Spirit of Christmas" was portrayed by Arthur E. Fisher. Miss Maud Good and Miss Myrtle Bauman sang and Miss Olive Parish directed the musical program. Following the children's entertainment served in the big banquet hall on the second floor.

### Entertained for Miss Elkins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson of Center avenue gave an informal card party Tuesday evening in honor of their guest, Miss Mary Elkins, son and Miss Helen Elkins, Senator John P. Elkin's daughter, who is their house guest. After a game of cards dinner was served, followed by dancing. Miss Antoinette Bell of Squirrel Hill and William Smith were the prize-winners. Miss Elkin will be the house guest of Miss Gibson until New Year's day, when she will return to her home in Indiana, Pa.

### Box Party at the Nixon.

Miss Eleanor McCook, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis F. McCook, was hostess at a large box party given last evening at the Nixon, her guests being Miss Frances Y. Barr. The guest list included Miss Eleanor McCook, Miss Bessie McCook, Miss Katherine McCook, Miss Alice Schmertz, Miss Rachel McMaster Miller, Miss Henrietta Pen Dixon, Hampton Hill, Mr. Grace Richard Snyder, Edgar Reed, William Magee and Edward Vatil. Following the play supper was served at the Union cafe.

### Admiral Melville Leaves.

A dinner of 28 covers was given by Mr. and Mrs. George Westinghouse last evening in honor of Rear Admiral Melville, who left the city last evening for his home in Philadelphia. Red roses and white lilacs formed the decorations.

Mrs. George H. Sands of Fort Mead, S. D., is the present a guest at "Solitude." Her daughter, Miss Sands, who is also visiting there, is betrothed to Miss Katherine Reed. Mrs. Sands is the wife of Col. George H. Sands of the 10th cavalry and a daughter of Gen. Alfred L. Hough of Washington, D. C., where she spent Christmas with her daughter.

### Social Meeting of the New Era Club.

The members of the New Era club were the guests of Mrs. Franklin P. Thomas at a social meeting held at her home in South Atlantic avenue on Monday afternoon. In addition to the social features an interesting talk was given by Miss Suzanne Beatty on the poet, Browning, his life and his position in the world of letters. Several delightful readings were given by Mrs. Byron W. King, including selections from "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." The musical program included a vocal duet by Miss Phoebe and Miss Hazel Pinkerton and solos by both Miss Shrois and Mrs. Meyers. At the conclusion of the informal program a collection was taken for the Belgian relief which amounted to about $13. Tea was served by the members of the social committee.

### Wellesley Club Breakfast.

About 30 young women assembled yesterday for the Wellesley club's breakfast at the Schenley at 8 o'clock. The tables were arranged in the shape of a dumbbell and were decorated with holly, blue, the college color, appearing on the menu cards, which were engraved "Up With Wellesley." Miss Elsie McMillen was toast mistress, and those who made responses were Miss Myra Kerr, Miss Nevin, Miss Pinkerton and Miss Mary Gilfillan. A committee composed of Miss Gertrude Martin, Miss Berina Snyder, Miss Mary Petrie, Mrs. Robert Pitcairn Watt and Miss McKee was appointed to discuss plans for a play to be given during the Easter season.

### Donley—Pollock.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place last night, uniting Miss Lauretta Q. Donley and Harry E. Pollock. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents in Wilkinsburg, No. 1 Ross street. The bride was given by Miss Edna McCracken and the bridegroom by Arthur Cochran. A wedding dinner followed, and the bride and groom left for an eastern trip. They will reside in Washington, D. C. Both belong to prominent Washington families, the bride being a daughter of Samuel B. Donley, a manufacturer, and the bridegroom a son of Judge Pollock. He is assistant prothonotary of Washington county.

### Dance for the Younger Set.

Mrs. Henry H. King of the Schenley was hostess at a delightful and informal dance in the South Highland auditorium last evening. Miss King entertained socially in this manner for her daughter, Miss Winifred King, a school girl at Miss Masters' in Dobbs Ferry. The affair was very informal and only the younger set was present, with their out-of-town guests, were Mrs. King's guests.

# FIRE FIGHTERS TELL OF HORROR

## Were Appalled at the Awful Work of the Flame Fiend.

## SAW MANY WOMEN FIGHT

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Lieut. John Collins, Central detail station, said: "When I came I found women whose faces were were burned and seared. Some held children in their arms. There were few men within the building. The women fought with one another. Most of their bodies lie within. It will be hours before I can reach them with my men. Look at the stream of firemen and policemen coming from the theater. They are in little groups of four and each group bears the body of a victim.

"Women's clothes were burned from their bodies. In some cases we have been able to separate women from the children they clutched in their death grip. I thank God for the help the merchants sent us. We needed the blankets to cover the dead bodies. The blame must be fixed later."

Fire Marshal Patrick Donohoo, Second battalion, said: "I have been through the building as far as I could penetrate. Bodies lie everywhere, and it will be 10 o'clock before all have been dragged forth to be placed in these ill-constructed hearses and carried away. In the second balcony where I was groping my way, I stumbled upon a heap of bodies. There must have been two scores. They were packed before an exit.

"Among them were mothers with their children in their arms, there were fathers fighting for the lives of their dear ones. At this time, God alone knows the extent of this horror. And God alone knows who is to blame. I saw a priest a few minutes ago in Thompson's restaurant, a Catholic woman was gasping out her life. A doctor had been leaning over her. He straightened up with despair written upon his face. The priest knew what it meant and he knelt over the woman to administer the last blessing of the Lord. She gasped out a few words and then the eye lids closed and the fire had claimed another victim."

Ben Boutelle, the first policeman to enter the building, "I found my way through the back entrance to the building. A score of panic stricken chorus girls were fighting their way to the open air. I made my way almost to the stage and found a woman lying in a narrow passage-way. By the paint on her face, I knew she was an actress and I dragged her to safety. She had been overcome by the smoke and fallen.

"In the restaurant, I heard the most heartrending cries of my life. Women with painted faces were crying out for sisters and relatives. They were the actresses. Other women and children were being carried in by the grim visaged firemen and laid on the dining tables. Doctors bent over them. In some cases, the doctors merely said the person was dead and then again one would say that life was left and as fast as possible the dead were carried to the morgues."

### THEATER EXIT DOORS WERE RUSTED SHUT

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Ugly stories are every where, regarding the theater disaster. It is charged that the theater attaches refused to open exits. Doors, not used since the theater was opened, were rusted shut, the fear crazed men and women rushed to these points where "exit" signs promised safety only to find themselves trapped to be slaughtered like sheep by the flame and smoke.

# THEATER EXITS WERE LOCKED, SAYS CHILDREN'S RESCUER

## Actor Louis Reyals Smashed Windows With a Chair and Pushed Twenty-Five Little Girls Through to Safety.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Charges that exit doors were locked and had to be smashed open with a chair were made by Louis Reyals, an actor in the "Blue Beard" company, who saved the lives of 25 little girls employed in the show. Mr. Reyals also declared there was a fire behind the scenes at the theater last Monday night which was cut off from the audience by the dropping of the curtain.

"There are 25 little girls employed to the show," said Mr. Reyals, "and when the fire started I grabbed the nearest one of them to me and shouted to the others to follow us. They started for the nearest door marked 'exit.' It was locked. I rushed to another and found that also locked. Seizing a chair, I smashed the glass panes and then pushed the little girls one by one through the opening, after which we escaped without trouble."


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DEBTORS, prevent the necessity of disgraceful bankruptcy. We are enabled to keep you on your feet without legal entanglement by offering you time to realize on your assignments or for you and advance money if needed. All business strictly confidential. We solicit correspondence.
JULIUS WEIL. M. RUSLANDER.

BURNETT, BOSSART & CO.,
406 POUTZ BUILDING,
PITTSBURGH, PA.
BUSINESS STANDS.
ROOMING HOUSE—Prices from $400 to $1,200.
RESTAURANT—Prices from $225 to $1,400.
GROCERY STORES—Prices from $300 to $6,000.
CONFECTIONERY AND CIGAR STORES—Prices from $300 to $2,000.
BAKERIES—Prices from $500 to $4,000.
POOL ROOMS—Prices from $600 to $1,500.
BURNETT, BOSSART & CO.,
406 Fourth ave.

CIGARS AND CONFECTIONS—The finest stand in the city, including first-class trade and assortment; sales $30 daily; come at once and buy this one; $1,500. Have another good stand at $700.
ROYAL REALTY CO., Room 605, Times bldg.

INVESTORS—At 3 cents per share, ground floor prices. Offer for a short time only a golden opportunity to subscribe for shares in a reliable mining company, owning valuable patented property in a rich district; $20 buys 1,000 shares. For full particulars address A. Sinder Box 1, Chatham, Ont.

WE make a specialty of selling and exchanging large stores of all kinds. If you want to dispose of your business see us at once.
MILLS-SLAUGHENHOUPT CO.,
438 Fourth ave.

MEAT MARKETS, $500 to $750.
Cash in and only offered; all cash business; $200 weekly; $600. Another stand; large business, $750. Another good one for $800.
ROYAL REALTY CO., Room 605, Times bldg.

RESTAURANT and two business places for sale; best location in city; ask Ransom, the poor man's friend, come at once. 235 and 215 Diamond st.

BUSINESS of all kinds bought and sold; partners secured for established business, etc.; all transactions strictly confidential.
KIRK & VOGEL, 1109 Arrott Building.

FINE CONFECTIONERY, cigar and notion store—Will be sold very cheap this week on account of sickness. Excellent business. Address 529 Third st., Allegheny.

FOR SALE—Morris chairs formerly sold at $18 and $26 each can be bought for $8 to $5. A. Hamburger, 205 Wood st., come early.

IF YOU want to buy, sell or trade your vacant, your house and lot, farm, business, see
MCCUTCHEON, 54 Fidelity building.

FOR SALE—Stock brokerage business or ½ interest in same, centrally located. Address F. S. The Gazette.

BUTCHER SHOP—In Allegheny, doing a first-class business; call at 401 Fourth ave., room 203.

IF you want to buy or sell any business, see
BURNETT, BOSSART & CO.,
450 Fourth ave., second floor.

BUSINESS CHANGES—Before buying, call or write us.
ESTEP & CO., 326 Fourth ave.

IF YOU WANT to buy or sell any kind of business, see CAVANAGH CO., 431 Fourth ave.

### Sewing Machines.

FOR SALE—BIG BARGAIN.
ALL MAKES of Sewing Machines, $5 up, guaranteed. Genuine needles and attachments. We repair all makes, lowest prices.
CARTER SEWING MACHINE CO.,
121 Sixth st., next to Bijou Theater.

### Machinery.

ENGINES
Plain slide valve, throttling governor.
5x10" center crank S. H. P.
7x12" R. H. Woodbury 15 H. P.
8x12" L. H. West 20 H. P.
9x12" C. C. Clark 20 H. P.
10x12" C. C. Clark 22 H. P.
11x14" C. C. Clark 40 H. P.
12x18" L. H. Hamilton 55 H. P.
16x24" L. H. Hamilton-Taylor 80 H. P.
18x24" L. H. Marshall-Smith Hemphill 125 H. P.
24x48" L. H. Callahan 350 H. P.
26x48" L. H. Bartlett 400 H. P.
30x12" R. H. Poppet valve 700 H. P.
32x30" L. H. Newbold 700 H. P.
36x30" L. H. Tolan & Hogg 900 H. P.
Also Corliss and automatic engines and boilers.

WICKES BROTHERS.
Both 'Phones. 45th st. & Allegheny Valley Ry.

One 40 h. p. Ruger Gas Engine.
One 30 h. p. Ruger Gas Engine.
One 10 h. p. Otto Gas Engine.
One 7½ h. p. Ruger Gas Engine.
One 5 h. p. Globe Gas Engine.
One 200-light Crocker-Wheeler 220 Gas Engine.
All the above are nearly new, and can be seen running if desired.

Two 100 h. p. Tubular Boilers.
One 40 h. p. Tugular Boiler.
One 25 h. p. Upright Boiler.
Also lot of Split WOOD Pulleys, Hangers and Shafting.

M. M. TYGARD.
Twenty-sixth st. and Liberty ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

FOR SALE—Boilers and engines, all sizes, from 8 to 125 H. P., stationary and portable upright boilers and engines; large assortment kept in stock; shafting, pulleys and hangers, and large lot of miscellaneous machinery; second-hand belting, leather and rubber; large stock of all sizes at low prices; machinery of all kinds bought and exchanged.
JOHN S. YOUNG,
108-110 Park way, Allegheny, Pa.

New—GAS ENGINES—Second-hand.
THE FAIRBANKS CO.,
236 Third ave.

For Sale—Three 25x36, 4—2 h. p.; 1—4 h. p.; 1—10 h. p., second-hand, Horizontal and Vertical.
THE GOODSON IGNITER.

HOISTING ENGINES, DERRICKS:
8½x10, double drum, with boiler.
7 x10, double drum, with boiler.
7 x10, single drum, with boiler.
Derrick, timbers and derricks.
CONTRACTORS' SUPPLY CO., PARK BLDG.

FOR SALE—Engines, boilers, sawmills, sand crushers, grinding mills, brick machinery, rock crushers, road machinery, traction engines, threshers, corn huskers, hydraulic cider mills, belting, hose, circular saws, general supplies.
B. D. REED, 92 Fifth St., Pittsburgh.

GAS ENGINES, woodworking machinery. BRIGGS MACHINERY CO., 4th and Liberty.

### Horses and Vehicles.

FOR SALE—Bay mare, handsome, show 2:30 clip, by Ben Q. Ed Crooks and Young Mabie 6 years; 1 Martin Hailpenny road speed wagon, pneumatic tires, very fine, cost $350; 1 Portland speed sleigh, cost $125; 1 pony rubber tire runabout, cost $125; 1 light road harness, cost $50. Will sell all for $200. All in first-class condition. Address A. B., 307 Federal st., Allegheny, Pa.

FOR SALE—Two fine speed sleighs, also best turnouts in the city for hire at Thubron's livery and sale stables, 9 Montgomery ave., Allegheny.

### Automobiles.

ENGINE—For sale, 8 horse power roller bearing gasoline automobile or marine engine, carburetter sparks, coil clubs, circulating pump, muffler, complete, $85.
ALSO 16 horse power motor dynamo, Westinghouse; good condition. 1425 Chartiers st., Allegheny.

### Typewriters.

LARGEST stock of miscellaneous machines in the city; rentals, $2 up. PHILADELPHIA TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE, 523-4 Lewis building.


Employers!

If you want help of any kind communicate with The Gazette's Free Bureau of Employment.


## FOR SALE.

### Musical Instruments.

FOR SALE—Organs for a song; a few left over from Christmas, ranging in price from $15 to $40; also two good piano-case organs at a slight cost above price quoted. Investigate.
CHAS. M. STIEFF,
818 Penn ave.

PIANOS—The prices of all other pianos are determined by that of the standard Krasich & Bach, Emerson, Shoninger and Richmond.
LECHNER & SCHOENBERGER,
340-2 FIFTH AVE.

PIANO—We have no REMOVAL, ALTERATION or SPECIAL SALES of any kind, but you can get the best piano values at
LECHNER & SCHOENBERGER,
340-2 FIFTH AVE.

PIANOS—Good square pianos from $25 up to $75; fine Upright pianos from $85 up to $1,200.
LECHNER & SCHOENBERGER,
340-2 FIFTH AVE.

VIOLINS—A genuine old Russian violin; several genuine old German masters.
LECHNER & SCHOENBERGER,
340-2 FIFTH AVE.

PIANO—Upright, mahogany case, slightly used, at a bargain. Call tomorrow at
LECHNER & SCHOENBERGER,
340-2 FIFTH AVE.

PIANOS—Used and exchanged upright pianos from $75, $125, $135, $185. Call tomorrow
LECHNER & SCHOENBERGER,
340-2 FIFTH AVE.

### Safes.

FOR SALE—Bargain sale of fireproof safes. I am selling the highest grade of safes at 25 per cent less than anywhere in the city; we are the only factory in the United States using a fireproof filled inner door in our larger safes, making them absolutely fireproof; catalogues mailed free. W. FRANKLIN, 120 Fourth ave., Pittsburgh.

### Birds and Dogs.

ANDREASBURG ROLLERS—New lot of these wonderful singers just received; also Harzs mountain canaries; $2 each; large stock of parrots and all kinds of song birds; catalogue free; both phones. New York Bird Store, 616 Smithfield st.

### Miscellaneous.

J. G. LAUER'S
TOY HOUSE,
620 LIBERTY STREET.

TOYS AND GAMES WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

SLEIGHS and SLEDS FOR BOYS. FOR GIRLS.
Push Sleighs NEW ARRIVALS JUST BY EXPRESS FROM FACTORY.

PATENT FLEXIBLE STEEL RUNNERS. SLEDS AND COASTERS FROM 50c to $15.00.

FIRE SALE—FIRE SALE—Morris chairs, worth $18 and $26, will be sold between $7 and $9. Life of all descriptions, stoves, clocks, lamps, silverware at 25c on the dollar; only a few days more; come early. 205 Wood st., city.

$5,000 CASH.
To buy second-hand furniture, carpets and stoves; highest cash price paid. See us first.
HEARN AUCTION CO., 59 PENN AVE.

FOR SALE—An Aiken Bible published in Philadelphia in 1782. Address J. B. Gill, Steubenville, O.

FOR SALE—A 20-foot hardwood counter; reasonable. 5106 Liberty.

## ELECTION NOTICE.

Second National Bank of Pittsburgh,
United States Depository,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 and 1:30 p. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.
THOS. W. WELSH, JR., Cashier.

Commonwealth Real Estate & Trust Company of Pittsburgh.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, 327, 329 and 331 Fourth ave., on Tuesday, January 19, 1904. The polls will be open between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.
GEORGE D. EDWARDS, Secretary.

First National Bank,
Sewickley, Pa., Dec. 17, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, corner of Beaver and Broad sts., on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 7 and 7:30 p. m. E. F. Coffin, Cashier.

### Safes.

FOR SALE—Bargain sale of fireproof safes. I am selling the highest grade of safes at 25 per cent less than anywhere in the city; we are the only factory in the United States using a fireproof filled inner door in our larger safes, making them absolutely fireproof; catalogues mailed free. W. FRANKLIN, 120 Fourth ave., Pittsburgh.

## LOST.

LOST—A brooch, either in Nixon theater or Union restaurant, or between said places via Grant st. and Fifth ave. Finder please leave pin in set with a large Baroque pearl and 3 small diamonds and of design somewhat similar to fleur-de-lis; suitable reward if finder will return to 303 People Savings bank building, Pittsburgh.

LOST, Strayed or Stolen—On Wednesday, December 23, collie dog, brown with white breast; answers to name Ray; had on his collar his name, license and register number. A reward will be paid to any person returning him to No. 949 Lincoln ave., Allegheny.

LOST—Watch, coming from Ridge ave., Carlton, via street car, to Homeopathic Hospital, via Liberty, Fifth ave., Fourth and Smithfield; engraved, Mary Jane Stanton; under will be rewarded. Inquire Homeopathic Hospital.

LOST—At Union depot Christmas, pocketbook containing money, receipts, trunk key. Return to 116 Hemlock st., Allegheny; reward.

LOST—Ten or 12 keys on ring at or near corner Ninth and Liberty, December 30; reward if returned to 209 Lewis building.

## PERSONALS.

SUPERFLUOUS HAIR.
Moles, warts, blackheads, etc., destroyed forever without pain or scar; 12 years' experience; consultation free, office or by letters.
HARRY H. CAMOMILE,
606 Bijou Building, Pittsburgh.

PERSONAL—Do you know a good painter? If so, have him do your work; if not, send for P. J. BYRNE. All kinds of painting done in the best manner with the best material. 634 Fifth ave. Both telephones. 731 Forbes st.

PERSONAL—A chance to save the on the dollar; come early; we have a nice line of household goods, vases, clocks, lamps, silverware, to be sold within a few days; come early and avoid the rush. 205 Wood st., city.

PAINT PRESERVES PROPERTY.
Protect your home or flat with good paint put on by a trustworthy painter.
P. J. BYRNE, 634 Fifth Ave.
731 Forbes St. Both Telephones.

PERSONAL—Reliable watch repairing. Cash paid for old gold. CHRIST HAUCH, 541 Smithfield st., Pittsburgh.

H. C. KNAPP, commercial job printer, 6621 Butler st. Both telephones.

## INVESTMENTS.

INVESTORS TAKE NOTICE.
Buy stock in Haskins Ditch and Mining Co. 50 cents per share; 10 per cent dividend guaranteed in 1904. Engine of L. R. Kerwood, Monongahela House, or J. D. McCabe, Fidelity building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## FOUND.

FOUND—On an Allegheny street car line, on Tuesday, evening, a small purse containing money and some papers; owner can have same by calling at the office of Wapi-Machey Co., and proving property.

## DIVIDENDS.

Rock Run Fuel Gas Company,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 29, 1903.

DIVIDEND—A quarterly dividend of ONE AND THREE-QUARTERS (1¾) PER CENT has been declared upon the preferred capital stock of this company, payable January 25, 1904, to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 31, 1903. The transfer books as to the preferred capital stock will be closed from January 1, 1904, to January 10, 1904, both days inclusive. Checks will be mailed to stockholders on January 25, 1904.
F. J. KERRIGAN, Secretary.

The Union National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 29, 1903.

QUARTERLY AND EXTRA DIVIDEND—The board of directors of this bank has this day declared the regular quarterly dividend of SEVEN AND ONE-HALF (7½) PER CENT, and an extra dividend of TWO AND ONE-HALF (2½) PER CENT, on the capital stock, payable January 2, 1904, free of tax. Checks will be mailed.
C. F. DEAN, Cashier.

Office of the North American Savings Company,
Fourth ave. and Market st.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 17, 1903.

DIVIDEND—At a meeting of the board of directors held this day, the regular quarterly dividend of TWO AND A HALF (2½) PER CENT was declared, payable January 1 to stockholders of record on that date. Checks will be mailed.
C. D. BEVINGTON, Secretary.

Commonwealth Real Estate and Trust Company,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 28, 1903.

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND NO. 4—The board of directors of this company has this day declared a quarterly dividend of two (2) per cent out of the earnings of the last six months, payable January 15, 1904, to stockholders of record December 31, 1903.
W. FRANKLIN, Cashier.

Birmingham Savings Bank and Trust Co.
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 23, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of this bank have this day declared the regular semi-annual dividend of SIX (3) PER CENT, payable on and after January 1, 1904.
W. L. GUCKERT, Secretary.

Allegheny Trust Company,
412 Federal st.,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 24, 1903.

DIVIDEND—At a meeting of the board of directors of this company a dividend of THREE AND ONE-HALF (3½) PER CENT was declared out of the earnings of the past three months, payable January 2, 1904, to stockholders of record December 31, 1903. Checks will be mailed.
CHARLES SCHNEIDER, Sec. and Treas.

Monongahela National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 28, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared a quarterly dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT on the capital stock out of the earnings of the last three months, payable on and after January 2, 1904. Checks will be mailed to stockholders.
JOHN D. FRASER, Cashier.

Third National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 31, 1903.

DIVIDEND NO 73—The board of directors of this bank has declared a dividend of ONE AND ONE-HALF (1½) PER CENT out of the earnings of the past three months, payable January 1, 1904. Checks will be mailed to stockholders.
OGDEN RUSSELL,
Cashier.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF VERONA,
Verona, Pa., Dec. 29, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of three (3) per cent out of the earnings of the past six months, payable by check to stockholders on and after January 2, 1904. Surplus fund has been increased $5,000.
W. EMERSON BARGAR, Cashier.

The Iron City National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 26, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of this bank has this day declared a dividend of (3) per cent out of the earnings of the last three months, free of tax, payable January 1, 1904, to stockholders of record December 31, 1903.
E. VERNER, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 29, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The board of managers of the Northern Liberties Bridge Company have this day declared a dividend of SIX DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS ($6.75) per share, out of the earnings of the last six months, payable forthwith. Checks will be mailed to stockholders of record.
EDWIN B. VOEGTLY, Treasurer.

The Arsenal Bank of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared a dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENTUM out of the capital stock, out of the earnings of the last six months, payable January 2, 1904.
JOHN GRINE, Cashier.

The German National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 24, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of this bank have this day declared a quarterly dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT, payable to stockholders January 2.
W. W. RAMSEY, Cashier.

HAZELWOOD OIL CO.
DIVIDEND—Quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent on the capital stock of the Hazelwood Oil Co. has been declared, payable to stockholders of record December 31, 1903. Checks will be mailed.
C. A. NORTON, Secretary.

First National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 29, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of this bank has this day declared a quarterly dividend of FOUR (4) PER CENT, payable January 2, 1904. Checks will be mailed.
CHARLES SCHNEIDER, Cashier.

Commercial National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 30, 1903.

DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared a quarterly dividend of TWO (2) PER CENT on the capital stock, payable forthwith.
H. W. RICKEL, Cashier.

First National Bank of Birmingham,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 31, 1903.

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared a dividend of FOUR (4) PER CENT out of the profits of the last three months, payable forthwith, free of tax. Checks will be mailed.
DANIEL BEECH, Cashier.

Metropolitan National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 30, 1903.

DIVIDEND NO. 24—The directors of this bank this day declared a quarterly dividend of TWO (2) PER CENT on the capital stock of $400,000, out of the earnings of the past three months, payable on and after January 2, 1904. Checks will be mailed.
GEO. SEEBICH, Cashier.

## TRANSFER AND STORAGE.

Duquesne Transfer & Storage Co.

OFFICE,
17-18 Water St., Cor. Penn Ave.
Will do your moving.
Will store your goods.
Will ship your baggage.
Will pack your goods for shipment.
All work guaranteed.

Duquesne Transfer & Storage Co.
Bell phone 1159 Court.

Allegheny Transfer and Storage Co.

MOVING. STORAGE.

PADDED VANS, LARGE WAGONS, SEPARATE ROOMS; CLEAN AND DRY. LOWEST PRICES. LOWEST INSURANCE RATE.

ALLEGHENY TRANSFER & STORAGE CO.
840 West North ave., Allegheny.

## ELECTION NOTICE.

Office of the Federal National Bank.
NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Federal National Bank of Pittsburgh will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m. at the bank building, corner Fifth ave. and Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, voting on the reduction of the capital stock from $2,500,000 to $1,000,000 and any such other business as may come before the meeting.
H. M. LANDIS, Cashier.

W. W. Patterson Co.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 17, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the W. W. Patterson Company for the election of three directors to serve for the ensuing year and the transacting of such other business as may come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company on 354 Water street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Saturday, January 2, 1904, between the hours of 7 and 8 p. m.
W. W. PATTERSON, Jr.

The Peoples National Bank of Pittsburgh,
Late of Sixth Ward Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of directors will be held at the bank, 1900 Wood street, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 12:30 p. m.
W. DWIGHT BELL,
Assistant Cashier and Secretary.

The Diamond National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for fourteen directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth ave. and Wood st., Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.
H. C. WETTENGEL, Cashier.

Metropolitan National Bank,
Forty-third and Butler sts.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
GEORGE SEEBICK, Cashier.

The Lincoln National Bank,
No. 513 Smithfield st.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for thirteen directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 513 Smithfield street, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.
W. R. CHRISTIAN, Cashier.

Union National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fourth ave. and Market st., Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 and 12 noon.
C. F. DEAN, Cashier.

Iron City National Bank of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.

ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors for this bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 o'clock p. m.
C. F. DEAN, Cashier.

Office of the North American Savings Company,
Fourth ave. and Market st.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 17, 1903.

DIVIDEND—At a meeting of the board of directors held this day, the regular quarterly dividend of TWO AND A HALF (2½) PER CENT was declared,

# DEALINGS IN U. S. STEEL DOMINATED THE MARKET

## The Stock Was Weak During the Morning, but Very Strong During the Afternoon—Further Reaction in Westinghouse Electric.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

The dealings in United States Steel yesterday dominated the Eastern stock market, although there were several other active specialties which played an important part. For the third consecutive day London quotations came lower and foreigners were sellers, the feeling abroad being infected by apprehension over the situation in the far east. At one time during the day a rumor was current that hostilities had actually begun between Russia and Japan, but this proved to be unfounded. The extent of the advance in the railroad list induced profit-taking, while the scarcity of call money, which loaned at 6½ to 7 per cent, checked bullish enthusiasm. Still, the offerings of London were well absorbed, and prices were holding fairly well, when weakness developed in United States Steel. The common stock sold down to 11⅝ and the preferred broke nearly a point to 56⅜. The sinking fund bonds declined from 71 to 70⅝. The weakness in the electric stocks was also quite noticeable, General Electric selling off from 177 to 174 and Westinghouse Electric from 176 to 171. There was also profit-taking in Amalgamated Copper, Brooklyn Rapid Transit and Southern Pacific, causing a reaction of from 1 to 1½ per cent.

In the afternoon Steel common and preferred displayed considerable strength, and between 1 and 2 o'clock they became quite buoyant. The common stock rallied a point to 12⅜, and the preferred on enormous transactions rose nearly 2 points to 58⅜. One house with a Pittsburgh connection was credited with taking 10,600 shares of the preferred on the advance, and two other houses that had been prominent sellers during the early part of the day turned buyers. The bonds recovered fractionally. The strength in the common stock attracted even more attention than the advance in the preferred, and the possibility of the reduced dividend on the former being maintained again came in for discussion. There were vague hints of "something good" to come out on the stock, but the gossip was lacking in specifications. The suggestion that the forthcoming quarterly report of earnings had been fully discounted, and that a long-standing short interest was becoming alarmed, found favor in those formerly when these stocks were active and advancing. The only news current was a report that the corporation had last week booked 21,000 tons of steel and iron for foreign delivery, and that in their negotiations 6,000 tons had been booked for foreign consumers. On the other hand there were rather positive reports that the price of steel billets was being secretly cut, as well as the price of coke. The severe display of strength in Pressed Steel Car and New York Airbrake was partially accounted for by the statement that the New York Central had placed a contract for 1,000 box cars with a company affiliated with Pressed Steel Car, and that it was in the market for 1,000 more, all of which were to be equipped with the New York airbrake at $25 a set.

Among the special movements of the day, Louisville, Chattanooga & St. Louis was conspicuous, opening at 127 and higher at 130, advancing to 133½, declining to 121 and recovering to 125. There was a rumor that this stock was to be acquired by Louisville & Nashville. Rock Island was quite weak for a time, selling down to 23⅝, and Delaware & Hudson dropped 2 per cent to 166 on the announcement of a dividend of 7 per cent, payable quarterly during 1904, this being the same rate as paid during 1903. Reading, sold down to 45⅜ on the November figures, showing a decrease in net earnings of $672,000. Pennsylvania declined to 118⅝, and Baltimore & Ohio to 95⅝. The strength in the Steel stocks near the close helped the whole list, but in the final dealings the utmost irregularity prevailed, and the market closed considerably below the best prices.

A small engagement of gold in London was announced, and the debit balance of the banks to the sub-treasury was reduced. Call loan rates declined sharply late in the afternoon, the final loan being made at 3 per cent and the close being quoted at 4 per cent asked. It is thought that requirements for the remainder of the week have been pretty well met, and that today will not witness the usual flurry that occurs the last day of the year.

On the Pittsburgh stock exchange trading fell off to the smallest total this week. On sales of less than 1,000 shares Westinghouse Electric declined from 87⅝ to 85¾, rallied to 87⅝ and finally closed at 86½, a net decline of 1⅛ for the day. Crucible Steel common was firmer, and after selling at 4½, rallied to and closed at 5 bid. The preferred was inactive, declining to 80½, but closing at 80⅝ bid. Consolidated Gas, Pittsburgh, was steady, but firmer, but less than a hundred shares of the preferred changed hands. Philadelphia Company was strong, advancing to 41⅞, but later reacting to 41⅜. Pittsburgh Coal preferred was less active than for some time past, but after selling down to 87¾ rallied to and closed at 88⅜. Manufacturers Light & Heat remained unchanged all day at 31. Marsden was firmer, selling at 4. The market closed dull.

## PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday foot up 2,747 shares stock and $7,000 bonds, as follows:

10 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

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| 35 | Crucible pfd... | 80½ | 100 | U. S. Steel.... |
| 50 | Marsden .... | 4 | 50 | Electric 2ds... |
| 8 | Fire Proof pf. | 25 | 45 | do.... |
| 5 | do.... | 23 | 20 | Phila. Co.... |
| 8 | U. S. Steel pf | 56 | 50 | do.... |

10:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

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| 50 | Electric 2ds.. | 87 | 10 | Mfrs. L. & H.. |
| 10 | do.... | 87 | 25 | do.... |
| 50 | do.... | 86½ | 50 | do.... |
| 20 | do.... | 86 | 25 | do.... |
| 50 | do.... | 86 | 10 | Pgh. Coal pfd. |
| 50 | do.... | 86 | 10 | do.... |
| 50 | do.... | 86 | 25 | do.... |
| 50 | do.... | 86 | 50 | do.... |
| 50 | do.... | 86½ | 50 | U. S. Steel pf. |
| 10 | do.... | 85¾ | 10 | do.... |
| 20 | do.... | 85¾ | $4000 | P. McK. & C. 5s |
| 90 | Mfrs. L. & H. | 31 | 100 | U. S. Steel.... |
| | | | 100 | do.... |

12:30 P. M. to 2 P. M.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Pgh. Coal pfd | 87½ | 15 | Mfrs. L. & H.. |
| 10 | Electric 2ds.. | 86¼ | 10 | U. S. Steel pf. |
| 100 | do.... | 86¼ | 100 | U. S. Steel.... |
| 20 | do.... | 86½ | 50 | do.... |
| 40 | Mfrs. L. & H. | 31 | $3000 | P. & B. T. 5s |
| 90 | do.... | 31 | | |

2 P. M. to 3 P. M.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Mfrs. L. & H. | 31 | 15 | Peo. Pipeage.. |
| 15 | do.... | 31 | 25 | do.... |
| 15 | do.... | 31 | 25 | Electric 2ds.. |
| 50 | do.... | 31 | 25 | do.... |
| 10 | Crucible pfd.. | 80½ | 75 | do.... |
| 50 | Phila. Co.... | 41⅜ | 50 | do.... |
| 100 | Crucible .... | 4½ | 30 | do.... |
| 100 | do.... | 4½ | 10 | do.... |
| 100 | do.... | 4½ | 450 | do.... |
| 5 | do.... | 4½ | 90 | Pgh. Coal pfd. |
| 50 | do.... | 4½ | 50 | do.... |
| 5 | do.... | 4½ | 35 | Fire Proof.... |
| 10 | do.... | 4½ | 60 | do.... |
| 20 | Peo. Pipeage | 20 | 5 | Brewing .... |

Summary.

| Shares. | | High. | Low. | Last Sales. | Ch'gs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Brewing ..... | 24½ | 24½ | 24½ | ... |
| 370 | Crucible Steel.. | 4½ | 4¼ | 4¼ | -¼ |
| 55 | Do preferred.. | 80⅝ | 80½ | 80½ | -½ |
| 95 | Fire Proofing.. | 7¾ | 7 | 7¼ | -¾ |
| 13 | Do preferred.. | 25 | 25 | 25 | 0 |
| 370 | M. L. & H..... | 31 | 31 | 31 | 0 |
| 100 | Marsden ..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | +⅛ |
| 60 | Peoples Pipeage | 20 | 20 | 20 | +1 |
| 190 | Phila. Co..... | 41¾ | 41¾ | 41⅜ | +⅜ |
| 111 | Pgh. Coal pfd.. | 88 | 87½ | 87¾ | +⅜ |
| 450 | U. S. Steel.... | 12 | 11¾ | 12 | +⅜ |
| 78 | Do preferred.. | 58 | 57 | 57 | -1¼ |
| 240 | W. Elec. 2ds... | 88 | 85¾ | 86½ | -1½ |
| 2747 | | | | | |

Closing Bids and Offers.

| STOCKS. | Par. | Bid. | Ask. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Manufacturers Light & Heat | 50 | 30½ | .... |
| Ohio Fuel Supply | 25 | 16½ | .... |
| Peoples Pipeage | 25 | 19½ | .... |
| Luster Mining | 10 | 9½ | 10 |
| Pleasant Valley Traction | 50 | 28 | .... |
| Westinghouse Elec. 2d pfd. | 50 | 86¾ | 87 |
| Crucible Steel | 100 | 5 | .... |
| Do preferred | 100 | 80⅝ | 80⅞ |
| Monongahela Incline | 50 | 62 | .... |
| Marsden Coal | 100 | 1½ | 4 |
| National Fire Proofing | 50 | .... | .... |
| Do preferred | 50 | 23 | .... |
| Philadelphia Co | 50 | .... | 41⅝ |
| Do preferred | 50 | .... | 45½ |
| Pgh., Bess. & L. E. R. R. | .... | .... | 25 |
| Pittsburgh Brewing | 50 | 24½ | 25 |
| Do preferred | 50 | 43 | .... |
| Pittsburgh Coal | 100 | 16 | 17 |
| Do preferred | 100 | 58½ | 59¼ |
| Pittsburgh Stove & Range | 50 | 2¾ | .... |
| Union Switch & Signal | 50 | 60 | .... |
| United States Steel | 100 | 12 | .... |
| Do preferred | 100 | 57⅜ | .... |
| Westinghouse Airbrake | 50 | .... | 140 |

| BONDS. | Par. | Bid. | Ask. |
|---|---|---|---|
| B., K. & A. Traction 6s | .... | 115¼ | .... |
| Pgh., Mck. & Conn. 1st 5s | .... | 98½ | .... |
| Consolidated Gas, Pgh | .... | .... | 108½ |
| Monon. River Coal 6s | .... | 111 | 112 |
| Philadelphia Co. 5s | .... | 109 | 109½ |
| Pittsburgh Brewing 6s | .... | .... | 113½ |

## NOTES AND COMMENT.

There was some mystery in the movement in United States Steel stocks yesterday. Early in the day a tip was in circulation that the common stock was a good purchase, but it was met with skepticism, and inasmuch as both the common and preferred were weak in the early dealings, the tip seemed to have been wrong. Later when the advance occurred without the development of any news of a favorable character, the street began to guess its meaning. If the sinking fund bonds had led the advance, then some confidence would have been felt in a bull movement, but the rise in these was less than that in the common stock. The dividend on the latter was payable yesterday. Nobody will now be seriously disappointed if it should prove to be the last for the present, and yet if the reduced rate of 50 cents a quarter should be maintained, it would probably lead to a sharp advance in the preferred, being construed as a favorable indication of the trade outlook. There is no way of accurately estimating the short interest in these stocks, but it is thought to be enormous. Shorts felt all the more confident because of the acknowledged falling off in the earnings for the quarter ending today. It is barely possible that this falling off in earnings has been exaggerated, but even if the total should be below the minimum estimate of $14,000,000, the showing is sufficiently been discounted. The sales of the common stock yesterday reached 84,150 shares and the preferred 63,885 shares.

Westinghouse Electric closed at a net loss for the day of $1 50 a share. New York specialists who have been active in buying the stock on the recent rise were again advising purchases on yesterday's reaction. Public enthusiasm, however, has been chilled by the borrowing of $2,500,000 on the notes of the company.

Pittsburgh Coal common was nominally quoted at 16 bid, 17 asked. No sales occurred. The preferred declined to 57¾, but rallied to and closed at 58½ bid.

The jump in Crucible Steel common to 5 bid, after sales at 4½, did not bring out any stock for sale. The movement was thought to be in sympathy with the strength in United States Steel common.

For the first time this month there was a quotation on Union Switch & Signal common, 60 being bid. The last sale several months ago was at 86.

It has been customary for years past on the 31st of December to quote the entire local list of securities, for the purpose of establishing record prices. It is hardly likely that this custom will be followed today. There have been no public transactions in or quotations on local bank, trust company stocks since the latter part of last October, and this important department of the market will receive no attention today, the board not having withstood a sensational slump, or the test of buoyancy in the remainder of the list will also be against any interest in getting a full list of quotations.

The members of the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday voted to adjourn from 3 p. m. today until 10 a. m. next Monday, thus necessitating the postponement of the annual election until Monday. The New York and other stock exchanges will be closed tomorrow, but will be open on Saturday.

Private sales of Fayette County Gas were reported at 12.

The Pennsylvania National bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, payable January 2.

The City Deposit bank has declared a quarterly dividend of 3 per cent, payable January 1.

The Northern Liberties Bridge Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of $6 75 a share, payable forthwith.

The First National bank of Pittsburgh has declared a quarterly dividend of 4 per cent, payable January 1.

The Hazelwood Oil Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent, payable to stock of record December 31.

The Westinghouse Machine Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent, payable January 15 to stock of record December 31.

The American Tobacco Company has declared dividends of 3 per cent on the common and 2 per cent on the preferred stocks.

Delaware & Hudson yesterday declared a dividend of 7 per cent on stock for the year 1904, payable in four quarterly instalments. This is the same rate of dividend paid this year.

## NEWS FROM THE MINES.

The Coast Range Copper Company of Roseburg, Ore., has bonded its 16 claims on the Illinois river, in Curry county, to F. A. Kribs for $150,000. Mr. Kribs is a timber buyer, and it is understood that he will at once turn the property over to a Spokane syndicate, Patsy Clark, the widely known operator, being at its head.

George A. Treadwell reports that the mines at Mayer, Ariz., are looking well.

The Montana-Tonopah Company has resumed sinking in its shaft, and will prosecute the work vigorously until the 700-foot level is reached. From that point development will be carried on.

The Copper Mountain property in Beaver county, Utah, has passed under lease and bond to the Utah Copper Association. The purchasers are preparing to enter on an extensive campaign of development.

The Altata Mining Company, recently incorporated, with a capitalization of $2,500,000, is to operate on a group of the Altata mine, at Chloride, Ariz., on a large scale. The company is now working a small force of men on the mine, having recently installed a hoisting plant of capacity to sink to a depth of 1,000 feet.

The Galice Consolidated Mines Company has begun active operations near Grants Pass, Ore., in the working of their extensive placer grounds on Galice creek, and from this time forward will have practically three hydraulic mines in operation.

The new stamp plant at the Consolidated Mercur is now all in working order. The company, however, does not resume dividends until everything is working successfully and a good surplus is in the treasury.

Mining Engineer Tom Bulte says that Helena has permitted the Amalgamated inspectors to enter the Rarus mine, in accordance with the orders of the federal court. The Amalgamated people claim to have found Heinze miners working outside of Mitchell Davidson ground by this injunction. The ground in question is that involved in the suit with the Butte & Boston, in which two juries gave Heinze the verdict and which he claims is the reason of extralateral rights of Rarus vein.

### The Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—London reported a big advance in tin, with spot £1 10s 6d higher at £131 7s 6d and futures £1 10s 6d at £128 7s 6d. Locally tin was strong, with spot closing at $28 @$28 80. Copper was unchanged at 45 6 17s 6d for spot and 45 6 10s for futures. Locally copper was also unchanged, with lake quoted at $12 37½@12 62½, electrolytic at $12 25@12 50 and casting at $12 12½@12 37½. Lead advanced 1s 3d in London to £11 5s, but remained quiet and unchanged here, with spot quoted at $4 87½ for small lots. Spelter continues firm at the advance. The local market, while in London it advanced 2s 6d to 42 2s 10s. Iron declined 4s 9d in Glasgow and at 42s 9d in Middlesboro. Locally iron was unchanged, although a hardening tendency is reported. No. 1 foundry, northern, is quoted $15 @$15 50; No. 2 foundry, northern, $14 @$15 00; No. 1 foundry, southern, and No. 1 foundry, southern soft, at $15 @$15 50.

## FEATURES OF THE DAY

IN PITTSBURGH.

Bank exchanges were $7,171,040, an increase of $559,000.

Stock market ruled extremely dull, but closed steady.

Westinghouse Electric broke to 85¾, recovered to 87⅝ and closed at 86½.

Crucible Steel common jumped to 5 bid at the close.

Philadelphia Company common advanced to 41⅞, but reacted to 41⅜.

Pittsburgh Coal preferred declined to 87¾, but rallied to and closed at 88½ bid.

IN WALL STREET.

Sales for the day 671,500 shares of stock.

Profit taking predominated in the market yesterday.

Pinch in money market was effective in dislodging some speculative holdings.

Careful guardianship over the Pacific and United States Steel stocks saved them from declines.

Less prominent securities fell violently in price.

Bond market was active and easy, sales being $2,140,000, par value.

## POLICE THINK HEIRESS HAS BEEN KIDNAPED

MERIDIAN, MISS., Dec. 30.—Police authorities if this and other towns are searching for Miss Ethel Rovelle, an heiress, who is believed to have been kidnaped to secure a ransom. She disappeared a week ago and it has been learned that she had been shadowed by unknown people ever since it became known that she had become an heiress. Miss Rovelle recently came into the fortune of Mrs. Minerva Binford of Denver.

## PITTSBURGH INDUSTRIAL EXCHANGE.

Sales—One thousand shares Hidden Fortune at 50c; 500 shares U. S. Packing at $1, ten full shares Marconi at $40. Closing quotations:

| | Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|
| Aurora G. M. Co. | .14 | .20 |
| Black Diamond Copper Co. | 1.05 | 2.25 |
| Cons. Mercur (Utah) | .75 | .90 |
| Dakota Calumet | .45 | .60 |
| Daly-West | $1.50 | 37.00 |
| Hidden Fortune | .34 | .38 |
| Fair Value (U. M. Co. | .07½ | .10 |
| San Felipe M. Co. | .40 | .50 |
| Sierra G. M. Co. | .10 | .15 |
| Standard M. & M. Co. | .10 | .15 |
| Standard G. M. Co. pfd. | .20 | .30 |
| Sunbeam | .40 | .50 |
| Tennessee Bond & Stock | 1000.00 | 1200.00 |
| Tonopah common | 6.00 | 7.00 |
| Tonopah Extension | 6.00 | 6.75 |
| Tuscarora Oil | .55 | .90 |
| Ohio & Indiana (Leases) | .55 | .70 |
| Ohio Oil Co. | .31 | .40 |
| Pittsburgh & Parkersburg | 11.00 | 17.50 |
| Union Consolidated | 60 | .75 |
| U. S. Packing Co. | .98 | 1.01 |

### Boston Copper Stocks.

(Reported by A. E. Masten & Co.)

| Stocks. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close Bids. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adventure | 2¾ | 2¾ | 2¾ | 2¾ |
| Bingham | 21¾ | 23 | 21¾ | 22¾ |
| Calumet & Arizona | 86 | 86 | .... | 86 |
| Calumet & Cochise | .... | .... | .... | 17 |
| Calumet & Hecla | 435 | 435 | 435 | 432 |
| Centennial | 16½ | 16½ | 18¾ | 18 |
| Calumet & Pgh. (n.) | .... | 120 | .... | 115 |
| Franklin | 8½ | 8¾ | 8¼ | 8¾ |
| Junction Dev. Co. | .... | .... | .... | 5 |
| L. S. & Pgh. Devel. | 80 | 100 | .... | 90 |
| Mass. | 4½ | 4½ | 4½ | 4½ |
| Mohawk | 58 | 58 | 58 | 58 |
| Osceola | 59½ | 59½ | 59¾ | 59½ |
| Parrot | 22 | 22 | 22 | 21¾ |
| Phoenix | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Pittsb. & Duluth | 120 | 135 | .... | 128 |
| Range Consolidated | 47¾ | 47¾ | 46¾ | 46¾ |
| Tamarack | 90 | 90 | 90 | 98 |
| United Fruit | 100½ | 100½ | 100½ | 100½ |
| Utah | 90½ | 90½ | 89½ | 90½ |
| Winona | 7¾ | 7¾ | 7½ | 7¾ |

*Bid. †Asked

### New York Mining Stocks.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adams Con. | .10 | Little Chief | .60 |
| Alice | .13 | Ontario | 5.00 |
| Breece | .50 | Ophir | 2.00 |
| Brunswigh Con. | .04 | Phoenix | .14 |
| Comstock Tun. | .05½ | Potosi | .20 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 1.20 | Savage | .48 |
| Horn Silver | 1.10 | Sierra Nevada | .55 |
| Iron Silver | 1.25 | Standard | .29 |
| Leadville Con. | .02 | Standard | 1.50 |

*Offered.

## COMPLETE RECORD NEW YORK STOCKS

Daily range of prices reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., Peoples Savings Bank building, members of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges, and Chicago board of trade.

ACTIVE LIST.

| Sales. | STOCKS. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1610 | Atch., T. & S. F. | 67⅝ | 68⅜ | 68 | 68⅜ |
| 1262 | Do preferred.. | 91½ | 92¼ | 91½ | 92¼ |
| | Am. Cotton Oil. | 30 | 30 | 30 | 29½ |
| 11000 | Am. Sug. Refg. | 127½ | 127¾ | 126⅝ | 127½ |
| 1700 | Am. Locomotive. | 37¾ | 38 | 37¾ | 37¾ |
| 500 | Do preferred.. | 97⅞ | 97⅞ | 97⅞ | 97⅞ |
| 1400 | Amer. Cot. P'dry | 29⅜ | 29⅜ | 29⅛ | 29⅛ |
| 110 | Do preferred.. | 89 | 89 | 89 | 89 |
| 46900 | Amal. Copper.. | 61¼ | 61¾ | 59½ | 59⅝ |
| 900 | Baltimore & Ohio | 74 | 95⅝ | 94⅝ | 95⅝ |
| 2000 | Am. S. & Ref'g | 39⅜ | 39⅜ | 39⅜ | 39⅜ |
| 240 | Do preferred.. | 90⅜ | 90⅜ | 90⅜ | 90⅜ |
| | American Ice.. | .... | .... | .... | 6 |
| | Do preferred.. | 32⅞ | 32⅞ | 32⅞ | 32⅞ |
| 7500 | B. & O. .... | 95⅝ | 95⅝ | 95⅛ | 95⅛ |
| 300 | Do preferred.. | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| 4200 | Brk. Rap. Transit | 51¾ | 52⅜ | 51¾ | 52⅜ |
| 1400 | Canadian Pacific | 151½ | 151½ | 150 | 150 |
| 3120 | C. & O. .... | 46⅛ | 46⅛ | 45⅝ | 45⅝ |
| 2040 | Cons. Gas.... | 194 | 194 | 194 | 194 |
| 2500 | Ches. & Ohio.... | 54⅜ | 54⅜ | 53⅞ | 53⅞ |
| 200 | Chicago & Alton | 34½ | 34½ | 34 | 34 |
| 1700 | Chi. & G. W.... | 15 | 15⅛ | 14⅝ | 14⅝ |
| 400 | C. & N. W.... | 183½ | 183½ | 183½ | 183½ |
| 480 | Col. Fuel & Iron | 31½ | 31½ | 31½ | 31½ |
| | Corn Products.. | 17⅛ | 17⅛ | 17 | 17 |
| 2300 | C. C. C. & St. L. | 85⅜ | 85⅜ | 85 | 85 |
| 100 | Do 1st pfd.... | 113½ | 113½ | 113½ | 113½ |
| 100 | Do 2d pfd.... | 89 | 89 | 89 | 89 |
| 200 | D. L. & W.... | 267 | 267 | 267 | 267 |
| 2200 | Del. & Hud.... | 168½ | 169 | 168½ | 168½ |
| 14750 | Erie .... | 39¾ | 40⅛ | 39¾ | 40⅛ |
| 1125 | Do 1st pfd.... | 61¾ | 61¾ | 61¼ | 61¼ |
| 800 | Do 2d pfd.... | 51½ | 51½ | 50⅝ | 50⅝ |
| 5600 | Illinois Central | 131½ | 131½ | 131 | 131 |
| | Interb. Metro.. | 13⅞ | 13⅞ | 13⅞ | 13⅞ |
| | Do preferred.. | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 |
| 58300 | Louis. & Nash. | 110½ | 110¾ | 109⅝ | 109⅝ |
| 42000 | Manhattan .... | 144½ | 144½ | 143⅝ | 143⅝ |
| 43400 | Metropol. Pacific | 96⅝ | 96⅝ | 95⅝ | 95⅝ |
| 700 | Do pfd.... | 94½ | 94½ | 94½ | 94½ |
| 5100 | Metropolitan .... | 125 | 125 | 123⅝ | 124¼ |
| | Mexican Central | 18⅜ | 18⅜ | 18 | 18⅛ |
| 550 | National Lead.. | 15½ | 15½ | 15 | 15 |
| | Do preferred.. | 103 | 103 | 103 | 103 |
| | National Biscuit | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 |
| | Do preferred.. | 118 | 118 | 118 | 118 |
| 5050 | N. Y. Central.. | 127 | 127¾ | 126⅝ | 127¼ |
| | N. Y., O. & W.... | 37 | 37 | 36½ | 36½ |
| 1675 | Norfolk & West. | 58 | 58⅝ | 57⅞ | 58⅛ |
| 1200 | N. A. Company | 84½ | 85 | 84½ | 84½ |
| | Omaha .... | 142½ | 142½ | 142½ | 142½ |
| 1710 | Peoples Gas.... | 98 | 98 | 97½ | 97½ |
| 1100 | Pressed Steel.. | 39¾ | 40 | 39¾ | 39¾ |
| 310 | Pressed Stl. Car | 31½ | 31⅝ | 30¾ | 31⅛ |
| | Do preferred.. | 79 | 79 | 79 | 79 |
| 42000 | Penn. R. R.... | 119½ | 120 | 118⅝ | 119 |
| | Pittsburgh Rys. | 75 | 75 | 74½ | 74½ |
| 19000 | Reading .... | 45⅝ | 46 | 45⅜ | 45⅝ |
| 100 | Do 1st pfd.... | 77½ | 77½ | 77½ | 77½ |
| 14950 | Rock Island.... | 23⅝ | 24 | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| 900 | Do preferred.. | 61 | 62 | 61 | 61⅝ |
| 1000 | Republic Iron.. | 29 | 29½ | 29 | 29 |
| 1900 | Republic Iron.. | 43¾ | 44 | 43¾ | 43¾ |
| 925 | Do preferred.. | 87½ | 87½ | 87½ | 87½ |
| 1210 | St. L. & S. F. 2dpfd. | 42¾ | 42¾ | 42¾ | 42¾ |
| 66410 | Southern Pacific | 67⅜ | 67⅝ | 66⅞ | 67⅛ |
| 2500 | Southern Railway | 21¾ | 21¾ | 21⅝ | 21⅝ |
| 1575 | Do preferred.. | 59⅞ | 59⅞ | 59⅛ | 59⅛ |
| 28870 | St. P. .... | 147½ | 147⅝ | 146½ | 146⅝ |
| 100 | Do preferred.. | .... | .... | .... | 180 |
| 200 | St. Louis & S. W. | 13½ | 14 | 13½ | 13½ |
| 200 | Do preferred.. | 34 | 34 | 34 | 33½ |
| 6700 | Tenn. Coal & Iron | 73 | 73 | 72½ | 72½ |
| 1800 | Texas & Pacific.. | 28⅜ | 28⅜ | 28⅛ | 28⅛ |
| 410 | T., St. L. & W.... | 25⅝ | 25⅝ | 25⅝ | 25⅝ |
| 1710 | Do preferred.. | 46⅜ | 46⅜ | 45⅞ | 45⅞ |
| 64150 | U. S. Steel.... | 12¾ | 12¾ | 11⅝ | 12⅜ |
| 5935 | Do preferred.. | 58¾ | 58¾ | 56⅜ | 58⅜ |
| 4500 | Union Pacific.. | 97⅝ | 97⅝ | 96⅝ | 96⅝ |
| 181 | Do preferred.. | 90 | 90 | 90 | 88 |
| 225 | U. S. Rubber.... | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| 500 | U. S. Leather.... | 13 | 13 | 12½ | 12½ |
| 800 | Do preferred.. | 77 | 77 | 76 | 76 |
| | Va. Car. Chem.. | 65 | 75 | 65 | 65 |
| | Do preferred.. | 44 | 46 | 43 | 44 |
| 300 | Wabash .... | 20¾ | 20¾ | 20⅛ | 20⅛ |
| 3220 | Do preferred.. | 38½ | 39 | 38½ | 38½ |
| 710 | W. U. Telegraph | 85½ | 86⅛ | 85½ | 85½ |
| 655 | Wisconsin Cent'l | 17 | 17 | 16⅝ | 16⅝ |
| 900 | Do preferred.. | 38½ | 38⅝ | 38 | 38⅛ |

INACTIVE LIST.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 | American Malt.. | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| 100 | Am. Linseed pfd. | 25¼ | 25½ | 25½ |
| 100 | Chi. Un. Traction | 6½ | 6½ | 6½ |
| 100 | Chi. Pneu. .... | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| 200 | Do preferred.. | 15 | 18½ | 18½ |
| 200 | Con. Tob. pfd.. | 103 | 103 | 103 |
| 200 | D. & R. G. pfd. | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| 1700 | Det. South. Inc. | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 1500 | Do preferred.. | 21⅞ | 19⅝ | 21⅞ |
| | D., S. S. & A pfd. | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| 200 | Internat. Pump. | 30 | 28 | 28 |
| 100 | Do preferred.. | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| 1000 | M. S. P. & S. S. M. | 87½ | 87½ | 87½ |
| 500 | Met. Securities.. | 58½ | 58½ | 58 |
| 100 | Minn. & St. L.... | 64 | 64 | 64 |
| 300 | M., St. P. & S. M. | 143½ | 144 | 143½ |
| 500 | N. Y. Airbrake.... | 138⅝ | 138⅝ | 138⅝ |
| 300 | Pacific Coast Co. | 54½ | 54½ | 54½ |
| 400 | Rubber Goods pfd | 77 | 78 | 77 |
| 200 | St. L. & Grand 1. | 11¾ | 11¾ | 11¾ |
| 100 | Do 2d pfd.... | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 300 | Do 2d pfd.... | 16½ | 16½ | 16½ |
| 100 | Stee .... | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 100 | Third Avenue.... | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| 200 | Twin City.... | 92 | 92 | 92 |

## CLOSING PRICES NEW YORK BONDS.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | U. S. reg. 2s, reg. | 106 | D. L. & N. unified 4s | 100⅝ |
| | Do coupon | 106½ | Mass. cons. gold 4s | 102 |
| | U. S. 3s, reg. | 107 | Mex. Cent. 4s | 75 |
| | Do coupon | 107½ | Mex. Cent. 1st inc. | 25 |
| | U. S. new 4s, reg. | 141 | Mo., K. & T. 2d 4s | 75 |
| | Do coupon | 141 | Mo., K. & T. 4s | 97 |
| | U. S. old 4s, reg. | 107½ | Mo., K. & T. 1st 4s | 94½ |
| | Do coupon | 107½ | N. R. G. of M. 4s | 74½ |
| | U. S. 5s, reg. | 107½ | N. Y. C. 3½s | 99½ |
| | Do coupon | 107½ | N. Y. C. gen. 4s | 103⅝ |
| | Atlantic gen. 4s | 99½ | N. Y. Cent. 7s | 135⅞ |
| | Do 4s | 99½ | N. Y. Cent. 6s | 131⅝ |
| | Atl. Coast L. 4s | 93 | N. & W. con. 4s | 95⅝ |
| | Balt. & Ohio 4s | 95⅝ | Nor. S. L. 4s | 85½ |
| | Do 6s | 116 | Penna. conv. 3½ | 97½ |
| | Do 3½s | 95⅝ | Penna. conv. 7s | 112½ |
| | *Do 1st inc. | 93 | Penna. gen. 4s | 97⅝ |
| | Ches. & O. 5s | 113½ | St. L. & S. F. 4s | 84½ |
| | Chi. & Alton 3½s | 85 | St. L. & S. F. 6s | 116 |
| | Chi. & E. Ill. 6s | 120 | So. Pacific 4s | 87½ |
| | *C. M. & St. P. 4s | 100⅝ | So. Railway 5s | 113¾ |
| | *C. & N. W. 7s | 141 | So. Railway 6s | 118½ |
| | C. R. I. & P. 4s | 89½ | Tex. & Pac. 1st | 115¾ |
| | C. R. I. & P. 5s | 107⅝ | Tex. & Pac. 2d | 39¾ |
| | *C. C. C. & St. L. 4s | 104 | Union Pacific 4s | 103⅛ |
| | Cons. Tobacco 4s | 79½ | Do conv. 4s | 96⅝ |
| | Cons. Tobacco 4s | 80 | U. S. Steel 2d 5s | 87½ |
| | Del. & Hud. 4s | 102 | Wabash 1st | 114½ |
| | Den. & R. G. 4s | 101½ | Wabash deb. | 63½ |
| | Erie prior lien 4s | 89 | W. Shore 1st 4s | 115½ |
| | Do gen. 4s | 80⅞ | Wisconsin Central 4s | 91½ |
| | Ft. W. & D. C. 1st | 102½ | Ont. Pref. conv. 2s | 69 |
| | Hock. Val. 4½s | 106½ | | |

*Bid. †Interest. ‡Ask. §Offered.

### New York Curb Stocks.

(Reported by Henry Sproul & Co.)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amer. Elevator.... | 20 | Inter. Salt 2s.... | 97 |
| American Chicle.. | 90 | Manhat. Transit.. | 1⅞ |
| Do preferred.. | 97 | Nat. Enameling.. | 16½ |
| Am. Tin Cup .... | 3⅜ | New Am. Gas 5s.. | 105 |
| Do preferred.. | 34 | New Orleans Ry.... | 9 |
| Bay State Gas.... | 5 | Do preferred.. | 39½ |
| British Columbia.. | 8½ | Do bonds .... | 75 |
| Brooklyn Ferry.... | 4 | N. Y. Transit.. | 80 |
| Central Foundry.. | 1 | Nor. Securities.. | 96¾ |
| Do preferred.. | 8½ | Otis Elevator.... | 26 |
| Electric Boat.... | 17 | Do preferred.. | 70 |
| Do preferred.. | 47 | Royal R. Bear Fd | 97 |
| Electric Vehicle.. | 6 | Standard Air Line | 1½ |
| Do preferred.. | 20 | Do preferred.. | 21½ |
| National Biscuit | 39 | Standard Oil.... | 661 |
| Do preferred.. | 118 | Trenton Potteries | 90 |
| Greene Con. Cop.. | 12⅝ | Standard Oil.... | 661 |
| Havana Tob. .... | 3 | Do preferred.. | 97 |
| Do preferred.. | 7 | Union Copper.... | 7⅛ |
| Int. Mer. Mar. .... | 4⅝ | Do preferred.. | 15½ |
| Do preferred.. | 15½ | White Knob.... | 3½ |
| Inter. Pub. .... | 11 | | |

### Philadelphia Closing Bids.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| American Cement | 78 | Penna. Steel pfd. | 72 |
| Am. Railways.... | 2½ | Phila. Traction.. | 87⅝ |
| Do preferred.. | 15½ | Phila. & Reading | 45 |
| Catawissa Iron.... | 4½ | Phila. Tractions | 87½ |
| Con. Trac. N. J. | 66 | Phila. & Suburb. | 48 |
| Con. Gas .... | 194 | Phila. Electric.. | 8 |
| Do preferred.. | 97 | Tonopah Mining.. | 6 |
| Lehigh Nav. .... | 82½ | Union Traction.. | 45⅝ |
| Lehigh Valley.... | 158 | United Cos. of N. J. | 240 |
| Marsden .... | 3½ | United Gas Imp.... | 88 |
| New Mex. T. & S. | 8 | West Jersey & S. | 50 |
| Penna. R. R.... | 120 | Webster Co. .... | 20½ |

### Boston Stocks and Bonds.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atchison .... | 68½ | Mexican Central.. | 18⅜ |
| Do preferred.. | 91 | Mex. Nat. .... | 10 |
| Boston & Albany | 244½ | Mex. Nat. pref.. | 25 |
| Boston & Maine | 190 | Mex. Nat. 4s.... | 75 |
| Boston Elevated | 150 | Mex. Nat. adj. 4s | 39 |
| N. Y., N. H. & H. | 196½ | Mex. Nat. 1st.... | 90½ |
| *Fitchburg pfd. | 126 | Old Colony.... | 245 |
| Union Pacific.. | 89½ | Do preferred.. | 97½ |

*Asked.

### Electric Stocks at Boston.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Westinghouse .... | 85 | Mass. Electric.... | 10 

# HOLIDAY MARKET EXTREMELY DULL

## Almost Nothing is Being Done in the Iron and Steel Trades.

## FUTURE INDICATIONS GOOD

There is practically no iron and steel market this week. The holidays always bring a greater or less cessation of work and orders and conditions this year have tended to make business better than ever before. For that reason the entire quotation of the trade is turned to the future, especially to the near future. Figures predictions made on every hand the first two weeks of January will show shipments that mean far greater activity than has been the case for the last six or eight months. Iron and steel markets are influenced to a great extent by outside conditions at present that rival the trade in the stock and money markets as the chief feature of the business of the market. The improved tone of the market and the easier money rates have served to bring much encouragement and add to the hope that the "bottom has been reached" and passed and a rising iron and steel market is at hand.

### Higher Prices Indicated.

Those who have watched the fluctuations of the trade for years through good and bad times feel that higher prices are now technically due. The unlimited consumption of reserve stocks by the factories turning out finished products of various kinds is not at this time by an over-production of any magnitude at the coke plants, the furnaces or the steel plants.

Expected wage reductions have not as they have been received by the trade, though the opposition that was expected from the men in touch than steel workers to the demands of the market. In the case of one corporation and the independents there has been found to be a readiness to share in the reduced cost of production. The larger steel manufacturers in the present situation said that orders given now until the very end of June were needed. "The mills are filling orders that the consumers have of storage and hold off until the That plan is working well now, and it will be found that a large party trying the plan at once and will receive the desired prompt said.

### Coke Pool Still In Air.

The situation remains unchanged. The have been encountered by the coke operators in adjusting the proposed to so many that there is at no prospect, it is said, of the pool being revived. The market has taken fairly active part of this year as in former years. It is the belief of the wholesalers that all prospects for a big spring trade depend upon the test of prosperity. There is said to be a call for higher prices, manufacturers claiming that the increased cost of raw materials and labor are not allowing satisfactory profits.

### Revised Quotations.

Below are given quotations in various lines of iron and steel, as fixed by recent sales or by trade agreements:

Bessemer pig iron—A ton, $14 00@14 25, Pittsburgh.

No. 2 foundry iron—A ton, Pittsburgh, $13 75@14 00.

Basic forge—A ton, Pittsburgh, $13 50.

Gillett open hearth, $13 00 a ton, Bessemer, $23 00, Pittsburgh delivery.

Ferro-manganese—In large lots, $50 00, delivered at Pittsburgh, in small lots, $52 50 the ton.

Muck bar—A ton, $25 00.

Steel rails—Standard sections, $28 00 a ton for 500-ton and larger lots; $30 00 a ton and $32 00 for less than car lots; small sections, 8 to 60 pounds per yard, $33 00 a gross ton; 16 pounds, $24 00; 12-pound, $25 00; 8-pound, $27 00.

Structural shapes—Beams and channels, 3 to 12 inches, $100, the 100 pounds; beams, 18, 20 and 24 inches, $1 70; angles, 3 to 6 inches and over, $1 65.

Steel plate—Tank plates, $1 60 the 100 pounds; flange quality, $1 70; ordinary firebox, $1 80.

Merchant steel—Tire steel, $2 15@2 25 for 100 pounds; spring steel, $2 25@2 55; toe calk, $2 80@3 40. On less than 2,000 pounds of a size and not less than 1,000, these prices are subject to an additional 10 cents on the prices for 100 pounds, and not less than 1,000 pounds, 20 cents.

Cold-rolled shafting quotations continue at 47 per cent off the list in car and larger lots and 42 per cent off in less than car lots.

Tin plate—In 200-box and larger lots to recognized jobbers, $3 80 at the mill. To this is added a minimum freight rate of 10 cents per 100 for Pittsburgh delivery.

Tank and galvanized sheets—Prices range from $2 60 the 100 pounds on the 28 gauge, black sheets bought in 500-bundle and larger lots, to recognized jobbers, while the galvanized product ranges from $3 65 on the No. 28 gauge.

Merchant pipe—Discount to jobbers buying car and larger lots are as follows:

| | Black. Pct. | Galv. Pct. |
|---|---|---|
| ½ inch | 70 | 60 |
| ¾, 1¼ and 1½-inch | 78 | 68 |
| 2½ to 6-inch | 79 | 69 |
| 7 to 12-inch | 69 | 59 |
| Wrought Iron— | | |
| ¼, ⅜ and ½-inch | 67 | 55 |
| ¾-inch | 72 | 57 |
| ⅞ to 6-inch | 78 | 62 |
| 7 to 12-inch | 69 | 56 |

Per short lengths, extra long, plain ends, threads and couplings, the prices are higher: 2 to 3 inches, 5 per cent; 3½ to 4 inches, 10 per cent; 4½ to 12 inches, 15 per cent.

### Hardware Quotations.

The following quotations are furnished by the Bindley Hardware Company:

Wire nails, $1 85 in car lots, $2 00 base, in less than car lots; iron cut nails, $2 20 in car lots, $2 30 base, in less than car lots; plain galvanized wire, $3 05 in car lots, $2 20 base, in less than car lots; galvanized cut wire, $2 45 in car lots, $2 90 base, in less than car lots; Columbia pocket knives, discount, 35 per cent; Albion latchets, discount, 50 per cent; Stevens shotgun and rifles, discount 25 per cent; Bindley metal shovels, 50 50; discount; Great Western files, discount 70 and 10 per cent; window glass, 90 and 10 per cent from list October 11, 1903, in less than car lots; sheet iron, discount 26, 27, 28 per 100 pounds; galvanized sheet iron, discount 70 and 10 per cent; cash weights, per ton, $90 00.

# PURCHASERS OF IRON MAKE MANY INQUIRIES

## Buyers Are Studying the Question of Requirements for Next Year.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Iron Age tomorrow will say:

While comparatively little business was done during the past week, there have been a very encouraging number of inquiries which indicate that buyers are studying the question of their requirements for next year. In some cases the quantities called for heretofore somewhat expected falling off as compared with previous years. The next few weeks must tell whether the prices demanded by sellers will meet the views of consumers and dealers and lead to liberal buying or whether the hand-to-mouth policy will be pursued further. No one expects any upward tendency in the principal lines of finished material for the next few months.

The pig iron situation remains in all quarters, but after the heavy tonnage placed there is naturally a lull. Some meetings among the southern makers are being held at Birmingham, but as yet nothing definite has resulted from them.

In the steel rail trade the most interesting event has been the capture by a western mill against foreign competition of a 20,000-ton order for a Canadian road, the rail to be delivered at Port Arthur. Since the American mill has exceptional advantages over European sellers in the way of freights, the net price secured for the domestic mill must have been on a relatively very favorable one. The weakness in light rails continues, but there has been more doing.

There has been a decidedly better demand for plates, and quite a number of good orders are in the market. While this is encouraging, the capacity available which is unemployed is still quite large.

A decidedly better feeling has developed in bars since the prospect of some good orders is brighter. Sheets, however, are still weak and concessions are being made.

The leading interest has announced lower prices on boiler tubes, the announcement, however, merely meeting openly a condition of affairs which has lasted for some weeks, the competition of the independent mills having been aggressive for some time past.

The condition of the cast iron pipe industry is very encouraging. Some very good contracts have been placed lately, among them a lot of over 8,000 tons for a New Jersey town. Interior inquiries are heavy, in fact, they are in excess of former records.

Reports are in circulations concerning large export billet and sheet bars, which, however, will be accepted with reserve.

More business has been done in old material, but in many instances at the expense of value. There has been a large aggregating about 6,000 tons of old steel rails by one dealer, which are to be exported. The coke makers have abandoned their efforts to establish a central selling agency.

# LIVE STOCK MARKETS

PITTSBURGH UNION STOCK YARDS,
Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1903.

Cattle—Supply light and market steady; choice, 1,400 to 1,600 lbs, $5 00@5 15; prime, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs, $4 70@4 75; good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs, $4 40@4 70; fair, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs, $4 10@4 35; prime, 900 to 1,200 lbs, $3 25@3 75; fair, 800 to 1,100 lbs, $3 00@3 60; common, 700 to 900 lbs, $2 50@3 00; common to good fat bulls, $2 75@3 50; common to good fat cows, $1 25@3 25; good fresh cows and springers, $40@60; common to fair, $15@35.

Sheep and lambs—Supply light and market steady; prime wethers, 95 to 100 lbs, $4 00@4 25; good mixed, 85 to 90 lbs, $3 60@4 05; fair mixed, 75 to 80 lbs, $3 00@3 50; culls and common, $1 50@2 50; choice, 85 to 95 lbs, $4 10@4 40; fair to good, 75 to 80 lbs, $3 60@4 00; common to fair, $2 50@3 00; heavy and thin, $3 00@4 00.

Hogs—Supply light; 10 double decks; market active and 5@10c higher; prime heavy, $5 10; medium, 55 15@5 20; heavy Yorkers, $5 10; light Yorkers and pigs, 55 00@5 10; roughs, $3 60@4 50.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000 head including 150 head southern; market steady to 10c higher; export and dressed beef steers steady to 10c higher, $4 10@4 75; fair to good, $4 10@4 65; corn-fed steers strong, $4 25@4 90; stockers and feeders strong, $2 50@4 00; southern steers strong, $2 50@4 10; southern cows steady, $1 50@2 50; native cows strong to 10c higher, $1 50@4 00; native heifers strong, $2 60@4 00; bulls strong, $2 25@3 50; calves steady, $2 50@5 00; western-fed steers, 7,000 head; market steady, closed weak; top, $4 67½; bulk of sales, $4 45@4 52½; heavy, $4 50@4 67½; packers, $4 40@4 60; pigs and lights, $4 35@4 60. Sheep—Receipts, 800 head; market firm. Lambs—Receipts, 2,000 head; market steady; top, $4 75@5 05; western lambs, $4 25@5 10; fed ewes, $2 75@3 60; western-fed yearlings, $3 50@4 35; stockers and feeders, $2 50@3 60.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,745 head; steers firm to 10c higher on light receipts; bulls and cows, 10@15c higher; native steers, $3 75@5 25; stags and oxen, $4 25@4 65; bulls, $2 75@3 60; cows, $1 70@3 50; calves, $3 50@6 50; native feed lots and stockers steady; butcher beef cattle at 5¼@10c per pound; exports today, 3,072 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 377 head; veals firmer; prime veals 50c higher; barnyard calves, $2 50@3 50; western, $3 40; city dressed veals higher, 8@15c per lb; country dressed, 9@11c. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 3,408 head; good handy fat sheep strong; all grades full steady; lambs barely steady; sheep, $2 50@4 00; lambs, $5 50@6 55; yearlings, $4 60. Hogs—Receipts, 4,504 head; market 10c lower; state and Pennsylvania hogs, $5 15@5 25; western, $5 20; mixed and butchers', $5 15@5 25; pigs, $5 00; rough heavy, $4 90@5 00; stags, $3 50@4 25.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 18,000 head; market strong to 10c higher; good to prime steers, $4 95@5 65; poor to medium, $3 50@4 90; stockers and feeders, $1 75@4 00; cows, $1 50@4 20; heifers, $2 00@4 75; canners, $1 50@2 40; bulls, $1 75@4 25; calves, $2 50@6 75. Hogs—Receipts today, 42,000 head; tomorrow, 35,000 head; steady to 5c higher; mixed and butchers', $4 50@4 80; good to choice heavy, $4 65@4 85; rough heavy, $4 40@4 55; light, $4 35@4 65; bulk of sales, $4 60@4 75. Sheep—Receipts, 20,000 head; 10@15c higher; lambs 10@15c higher; good to choice, $5 75@6 50; fair to choice mixed, $4 00@5 75; native lambs, $4 50@6 25.

## Turpentine and Rosin.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30.—Spirits turpentine firm at 55c; receipts, 14 casks. Rosin firm at $2 10; receipts, 258. Tar firm at $1 60; receipts, 300. Crude turpentine firm at $2 25@2 50; 67.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 30.—Turpentine firm at 56½c. Rosin firm; A, B, C, D, E, F, $2 25; G, $2 30; H, $2 40; I, $2 60; K, $2 85; M, $2 90; N, $3 10; W G, $3 30; W W, $3 55.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 30.—Turpentine steady at 55½c. Rosin steady.

## The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The drygoods market has been generally inactive, with little hope of increased business until the new year is well commenced. The firmness with which general merchandise held continues, and more or less business is not consummated because sellers are unwilling to compromise with the buyer and are insistent upon holding for the top of the market.

# EXCEPTIONAL YEAR IN GROCERY MARKET

## Flour Rules Strong—Horseradish Up—Sauerkraut Reaches the Highest Point in Years.

Comparisons show that during 1903 the grocery market was much stronger all around than for the year 1902. While there have been few changes in prices for several weeks, nearly all articles have kept up well. Flour is now ruling particularly strong. Potatoes are bringing a good price and sauerkraut advanced 15 cents again yesterday. In the produce line Jobbers have held up $4 per crate on celery, 40 cents a dozen. Horseradish went up yesterday $5 50 and $6 a barrel and egg plant from $1 and $4 50 to $6 and $7. Poultry continues strong and eggs still sell at record-breaking prices. Butter and cheese are both firm, and grain receipts have commenced to fall off. Corn is selling somewhat lower: No. 2 yellow shelled was offered at 4 3-4 cents yesterday, selling at 48 cents bid. No. 2 shelled was offered yesterday at 47½ 50, with no bidders. No. 1 mixed was offered for sale at 41½ 50, with few takers, but better conditions are in sight. No. 2 timothy is quoted at $12 to $12 50. No. 2 yellow shelled oats changed hands yesterday from 50 and 51 cents to 4-1½ and 50 cents.

## HAY, GRAIN AND FEED.

Receipts, 5 cars hay, 7 cars corn, 4 cars oats, 2 cars rye 1 car corn meal, 2 cars mill feed, 2 cars Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 2 cars hay; Baltimore & Ohio, 1 cars hay, 4 cars oats, 2 cars corn.

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| Hay, No. 1 tim. | Rye, No 2 |
| oths $13 25@13 50 | Mich. 68½@68½ |
| do No. 2 timothy 12 50@12 75 | White middlings, No. |
| do No. 1 clov $11 25@11 50 | 2 $ 50@ 00 |
| do No. 2 $10 50@11 00 | do brown $20 00@20 50 |
| Nos. 1 mix $11 50@12 00 | Bran, ton $18 00@18 50 |
| Loose from | Wheat, No. 2 |
| wagon $15 00@17 00 | red 79@80 |
| Straw, oat $8 50@9 00 | Corn, No. 2 yellow |
| do wheat $8 50@9 00 | shelled 52@53 |
| do rye $12 50@13 00 | High mix 49½@50 |
| Oats, No. 2 | No. 2 mix 49½@50 |
| white 41½@42c | No. 2 yellow shelled 51½@52c |
| do No. 3 41@41½c | New No. 2 yel- |
| do No. 4 39½@40c | low ear 53@54c |

## GROCERIES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Flour. | do powdered 4 75c |
| Fancy spg. pat- | do pow'd xxxx 4 50c |
| ent $4 80@4 85 | do cubes 4 50c |
| Fancy winter | do cut loaf 5 15c |
| patent $4 25@4 30 | do coffee A 4 90@5 00 |
| Straight wts $3 85@4 00 | do No. 1 yellow 4 80c |
| Bakers' spg $3 40@3 60 | do No. 2 yellow 4 75c |
| Rye $4 65@4 75 | do No. 3 yellow 4 70c |
| Graham $3 75@3 90 | Navy, N. P $2 10@2 15 |
| Cornmeal bbl $2 25@2 40 | Navy, imp $2 10@2 15 |
| do 10-lb cotton | Red kidney $3 15@3 25 |
| bags 17@18c | White kidney $3 15@3 25 |
| Rolled oats, | Peas, dried, |
| bbl $5 10 | bu $1 30@1 40 |
| do keg $2 70 | do split, lb 4c |
| Rosted Coffee. | do marrow, |
| Rio 9½@12c | bu $2 50@2 70 |
| Santos 12@22½c | Oil, carbon, 110 |
| Maracaibo 17½@17½c | deg 13c |
| Peaberry 17@18c | do headlight 13½c |
| Golden Rio 15½@15½c | do water |
| Java and Mocha 19@19½c | white 15½c |
| Standard | do Ohio W. W. |
| pkgs $11 55@12 05c | 150 deg 13½c |
| High grade $17 30@18 30 | do miners' 25@45c |
| Molasses, fancy | do special |
| do choice 32@35c | brands 26@45c |
| do open kett 38@40c | Rice, ex-fancy |
| Syrup. | head, lb 7@7½c |
| Fancy sugar 28@30c | Japan 5@5½c |
| Sug. cured hams 14@22½c | do choice Caro- |
| Prime 24@25c | lina 6@7c |
| 2¼-lb cans, doz 80c | Salt, No. 1, bbl 1 40 |
| 3-lb cans, doz 1 10 | do No. 1 extra 1 50 |
| 5-lb cans, doz 1 85 | do gran. rock 80c |
| 10-lb cans, doz 3 40 | do pocket 1 50@1 55 |
| Maple, gal 75c@1 00 | do dairy 1 40 |
| Oatmeal, bbl 5 00 | sauer kraut, cask 3 50 |
| do kegs 2 50 | do bbls 7 50 |
| Sugar, star, gran 4 95c | do half bbl 4 00 |
| do bags 4 85c | |
| do 2-lb carton 4 80c | |
| Sugar, 5-lb cot- | |
| ton bags 4 80c | |

## CANNED GOODS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Peaches, std No. 1 $1 10 | Plums, damson $1 00 |
| do fancy 2 50@3 00 | do Cuff $1 00@1 75 |
| do California | Raspberries |
| L. C $1 80@2 25 | Gooseberries 95c@$1 00 |
| do Mary- | Tomatoes, |
| land $1 30@1 60 | standard 85@90c |
| do California | do fancy $1 10@1 20 |
| Y. P $1 50@2 00 | do gallon $2 00@2 10 |
| Corn, fancy $1 20@1 50 | Succotash, 1-lb |
| do std $1 20@1 25 | cans $1 25@1 40 |
| Cherries, red | Baked beans, cans, |
| white $2 50@2 75 | 3-lb cans $1 40@1 60 |
| Lima beans $1 20@1 45 | Salmon, dog 65c@$2 00 |
| do soaked 75@80c | Chipped beef $2 25@2 75 |
| String beans, 2-lb 85c | Corn and roast |
| do 3-lb 1 00@1 | beef, 2-lb |
| Stringless | cans $2 80@2 85 |
| beans $1 20@1 75 | do 1 lb |

## PROVISIONS.

| Hams. | Breakfast bacon, |
|---|---|
| 25 lbs and upw 10½c | thick strips 11c |
| Over 14 to 18 lbs 11½c | Dry salt clears, |
| Over 10 to 14 lbs 11½c | short clears 8c |
| 10 lbs and under 11½c | Bellies, 20 to 25 |
| Skinned 10½c | lbs 8½c |
| Boneless boiled 12½c | do 15 to 20 lbs 8½c |
| California | do under 15 lbs 8½c |
| shoulders, N. Y. | Dry salt smoked |
| cured 7½c | sides, extra |
| do skinned 8½c | short clears 8c |
| Breakfast bacon, rbs | Bellies, 20 to 25 |
| 8 to 10 lbs 12c | lbs 8½c |
| do 10 to 12 lbs 11½c | do 15 to 20 lbs 9½c |
| do back strips 11½c | do under 15 lbs 9½c |
| Dried beef, ham | Lard, pure, |
| lbs 12½c | tierces 7½c |
| do 10 to 12 lbs 12½c | |

## NUTS.

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|---|---|
| Chestnuts, lb 10@12c | Italian chestnuts 6@8c |
| Filberts 11c | Pecans 12c |
| Eng. walnuts 11@14c | Shellbarks, |
| S. S. almonds 16c | bu $1 75@2 00 |
| Tarr. almonds 15c | Walnuts $1 50@1 75 |
| Mixed 15c | Butternuts $1 00 |
| Brazil 11c | |

## BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE.

| Butter. | Go Wis. Swiss, |
|---|---|
| Prints 27@27½c | tubs 14½@15c |
| Tub 27@27½c | do 10-lb block Swiss, |
| Ohio cream 24@25c | 14½@15c |
| Dairy 16@17c | do Limber- |
| Country roll 14@15c | ger 13@13½c |
| Chgo., N. Y. full | do Brickwash 12½@13c |
| cream 12½@13c | Eggs, fresh |
| do Ohio, 12@12½c | candled 29@30c |
| do ¾ cm 11½@11¾c | do select 26c |
| Cheese, Ohio flwhz 13@13½c | do storage 21@22c |

## POULTRY AND GAME.

| | |
|---|---|
| Live chickens, 1 lb 9@10c | Dept. plarmigan, |
| Roosters 7@8c | pair $2 50 |
| Ducks, lb 10@11c | do grouse $3 00 |
| Live ducks, lb 13@14c | do partridges $3 00 |
| Geese 10@12c | do black ducks $2 50 |
| Tressed hens 15@16c | do plover, doz $4 50 |
| Dressed spring- | Squirrels, pair 40@50c |
| ers 15@16c | Rabbits, doz $4 00 |
| Roosters 10@11c | Mallard ducks, |
| Roosters 8@10c | pair $1 75@2 00 |
| Turkeys, fresh | do teal $1 00 |
| dressed 22@25c | do blue bill $1 25 |
| Ducks 15@20c | do rudy $1 50 |
| Rabbits, pair 25@30c | |

## PRODUCE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Potatoes, | do bead, bbl $6 00@6 50 |
| bu store 50@55c | Garlic, lb 7@8c |
| do track 40@45c | Carrots, bbl $1 50 |
| Sweets, | String beans, |
| Virginia $2 00@2 25 | bu $3 00@4 00 |
| Rich dried 3½@3½c | Cauliflower, |
| do bu, bsr $1 25@1 35 | doz $2 25@2 50 |
| do medium $1 15@1 20 | Watercress, doz 15@20c |
| Onions, bbl $1 75@2 00 | Brussels sprouts, |
| Onion, bbl $2 50@2 75 | quart 15@16c |
| do bulk, lb 1½@2c | do basket car- |
| do new, doz 20@30c | riers 50@60c |
| do Spanish, | Spinach, bu $1 00@1 25 |
| crate $1 00@1 10 | Squash, |
| Cucumbers, | Hubbard, |
| hothouse, | bbl $1 50@1 75 |
| doz $1 25@1 50 | do marrow- |
| Cabbage, | fat 90c@$1 00 |
| Danish, $45 00@50 00 | Honey, new 14@15c |
| do lb 2½@3c | Farmers' bbl $1 75@2 00 |
| Parsley, doz 10@15c | Rutabagas $1 00@1 25 |
| Radishes, doz 10@15c | Beets, bu $2 50@3 00 |
| Celery, | Popcorn, lb 4@5c |
| Ohio 20@35c | Horseradish, |
| Lettuce, home, | bbl $5 50@6 00 |
| doz 10c@$1 00 | Egg plant, |
| do Adelaide, | basket 25@35c |

## TROPICAL FRUITS.

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|---|---|
| Lemons, Messina, | Bananas, Jersey, 150@2 25 |
| choice 300 $3 75@4 00 | size $1 50@1 75 |
| do Verdellis 300 $3 25 | Pineapples, |
| do Californ- | extra $2 50@3 00 |
| ias $3 00@3 50 | Dates, California, |
| Limes, per 100 $1 00 | Limes, per 100 $1 50 |
| Oranges, California | do Cienfuegos $2 75 |
| navel, $2 75@3 25 | Oranges, |
| do Florida $3 00@3 50 | Florida $3 50@4 00 |
| do Jamaica, | Almonds, $3 50@4 00 |
| Grape- | Grapes, Malaga, |
| fruit, $2 75@3 00 | Red Emperor $4 00@5 00 |
| do box $2 50@3 00 | Figs, Cal., 10-lb |
| Cocoanuts, bags, $2 50 | carton $1 00@1 25 |

## DOMESTIC FRUITS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Apples, fancy, | Cranberries, |
| bbl $3 50@4 50 | box $2 25@2 50 |
| do choice $2 50@3 00 | do bbl $8 00@9 00 |
| Grapes, | |
| Catawba 20c | |

## Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Butter—Receipts, 2,825 tubs; firm; extra creamery, 28½c; creamery, common to choice, 15@26c; state dairy, 14@26c; held creamery, 15@25c. Cheese—Receipts, 1,050 boxes; steady; state full cream, fancy small, colored, September, 12½c; late made, 12c; large colored, September, 12c; late made, 12c; large white, September, 12c; late made, 12c. Eggs—Receipts, 1,113 cases; steady; state and Pennsylvania, nearby, average finest, 37c; state and Pennsylvania, 30c to late, 27@29c; western extras, 30c; firsts, 28c; seconds, 24c; western refrigerator, 27@28c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 19@24½c; dairies, 18@23c. Eggs steady; at mark, cases included, 25@26c; prime firsts, 29c.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Butter firm and highly fancy; extra western creamery, 24½c; nearby prints, 25c. Eggs firm; fresh, nearby fancy at the mark; western, 25c, loss off; southern, 24@25c. Cheese steady; New York full cream, fancy, 11½c; choice, 11½c; fair to good, 10½@11½c.

# GRAIN MARKETS STRONG ON THE ORIENT RUMORS

## Chicago Provision Pits Also Strengthened on the War-like Reports.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—As easier feeling was manifested in the wheat pit at the start owing to easier cables, large receipts in the northwest and southwest and a general disposition on the part of local traders to take profits. Considerable wheat came out the first hour and the market became quite weak. After the recession and a decided change. On rumors that the leading long was buying freely many of the early sellers turned buyers and there were additional purchases to cover up some holdings. The further bearish future on this demand. Exceptional war rumors were circulated and prices advanced rapidly. A reaction occurred during the last half hour on realizing but the close was firm. Primary receipts were 1,016,800 bushels, against 560,700 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 467 cars, against 787 cars last week and 362 cars a year ago. Primary shipments were 1,040,000 bushels. Many of the corn pit to boost prices a little, but without success. Additional factors, however, were found in the steady cables, small receipts and continued light movement in the country. The feature of the corn market was the sale of about a quarter of a million bushels of May by a prominent provision house. The offerings were taken by commission houses. Closing prices were firmer.

Local receipts were 270 cars, part of contract grade.

Corn prices were easier early in sympathy with wheat, but later became strong under active buying by commission houses. The market was also affected by the smaller shipments from the country and by the smaller receipts. Closing prices were firm.

Large shipments of corn were reported, and with the new contracts, some of the receivers were relieved. Good demand for cash corn was reported, with the market generally quiet and steady. There was a fair demand for shipment and local trade. The offerings were light, having a call of 52 to 53 cents. May sold and the market closed at 52½@52¾c. Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 40 cars; corn, 300 cars; oats, 90 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures, reported by John H. Armstrong & Co., members of the Chicago Board of Trade, Farmers Bank Building, were as follows:

| | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yester-day's Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHEAT— | | | | | |
| No. 2 | | | | | |
| Dec. | 86 | 87½ | 85 | 85½ | 85½ |
| May | 84½ | 85¾ | 83½ | 83¾ | 83¾ |
| July | 74½ | 75 | 73½ | 73½ | 73½ |
| CORN— | | | | | |
| No. 2 | | | | | |
| Dec. | 47½ | 47½ | 47 | 47 | 46¾ |
| May | 45 | 45¾ | 44½ | 44¾ | 44¾ |
| July | 44½ | 44¾ | 44 | 44¼ | 44¼ |
| OATS— | | | | | |
| No. 2 | | | | | |
| Dec. | 32¾ | 36 | 32¾ | 36 | 32 |
| May | 37¾ | 38¼ | 37¾ | 38¼ | 37¾ |
| July | 34¼ | 34¾ | 34¼ | 34¾ | 34¼ |
| PORK— | | | | | |
| Jan. | 12 32½ | 12 42 | 12 32½ | 12 42 | 12 37½ |
| May | 12 65 | 12 80 | 12 65 | 12 80 | 12 67½ |
| LARD— | | | | | |
| Jan. | 6 60 | 6 73 | 6 60 | 6 73 | 6 65 |
| May | 6 70 | 6 85 | 6 70 | 6 85 | 6 72½ |
| SHORT RIBS— | | | | | |
| Jan. | 6 70 | 6 85 | 6 70 | 6 85 | 6 72½ |
| May | 6 80 | 6 95 | 6 80 | 6 95 | 6 82½ |

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 79@80c; No. 3 spring wheat, 77@79c; No. 2 red, 79@80c; No. 3 red, 77@79c; No. 2 corn, 52½c; No. 3 corn, 52½c; No. 2 yellow, 52½c; No. 3 yellow, 52½c; No. 2 oats, 36½c; No. 3 white, 35½@37c; No. 4 white, 34½@36½c; No. 2 rye, 81c; No. 3 rye, 80c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 27; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 27. Clover, contract grade, $11 25.

| Articles. | Receipts. | Shipments. |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, barrels | 24,000 | 20,000 |
| Wheat, bushels | 264,000 | 77,000 |
| Corn, bushels | 276,000 | 97,000 |
| Oats, bushels | 264,000 | 144,000 |
| Rye, bushels | 20,000 | 2,000 |
| Barley, bushels | 96,000 | 32,000 |

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Flour—Receipts, 16,865 barrels; exports, 6,765; quiet; unchanged. Rye flour—Receipts, 1,100 packages; market was quiet but steady. Buckwheat flour—Receipts, 811 packages; market was quiet and steady. Barley—Receipts, 20,000 bushels; exports, 2,000 bushels; nominal. Barley malt—Receipts, 2,000 bushels; nominal. Feed steady. Barley—Receipts, 20,000 bushels; nominal. Corn meal quiet.

Grain—Wheat—Receipts, 90,550 bushels; sales, 2,750,000 bushels, including spot transactions; spot steady; No. 2 red, 87½c, elevator; 88½c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal; No. 1 northern Duluth, 86½c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal; No. 1 northern Duluth, 86½c, f. o. b. afloat. Options had a steady opening market under buying by commission houses and shorts, and continued under a firm market, with the foreign markets strong, and closed firm at 1@1½c net advance; closing prices were: March, 84 3-16@84¼c; May, 84 3-16@84¼c; July, 84 3-16@84¼c; December, 87 7-16@87½c. Corn—Receipts, 40,000 bushels; spot steady; No. 2, 54½c, elevator; 55½c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 54½c; No. 2 corn, 54½c. Options were dull and steady, with little change, closing ¼c net higher; May, 51 15-16@52c; closing, 51 15-16c; December, 51 15-16@52c; closing, 51 15-16c. Oats—Receipts, 20,000 bushels; spot steady; No. 2, 37½c; No. 3, 36½c; No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 3 white, 37½c; track mixed Western, 36@37½c; track white Western, 37½@38½c. Options were dull and steady, with little change, closing ¼c net higher; May, 34 15-16@35c; closing, 34 15-16c; December, 34 15-16@35c; closing, 34 15-16c. Hay steady. Hops steady. Hides steady. Leather steady. Beef steady. Cut meats steady. Lard steady; Western steam, $6 70; city, $6 50; refined, steady; continent, $6 90; South America, $7 00; compound, 5½@5¾c. Pork steady; mess, $12 50@13 00; family, $14 00@15 00; short clear, $13 00@15 00. Tallow steady. Rice steady. Molasses steady. Coffee—Spot Rio, steady; No. 7 invoice, 6½c; No. 7 jobbing, 6¾c; mild, steady; Cordova, 8@11½c. Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 7-16c; molasses sugar, 3 11-16c; refined, steady; crushed, 5.30c; powdered, 4.90c; granulated, 4.80c; cubes, 4.95c.

# NEW PRESIDENT OF B. & O. MAY MAKE MANY CHANGES

There are many persistent reports concerning changes among important officials of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad as a result of the appointment of Judge Murray as president and the selection of Oscar G. Murray to fill the vacancy. There will be changes, it is said, from the general manager down. The only report that can be verified is the resignation of W. C. Green as general engineer, who on January 1 will take service with the Erie railroad in a similar capacity. The appointment of a successor will likely be delayed until after Mr. Green formally notifies C. S. Sims will be with Mr. Lowe.

W. C. Lowe, general superintendent at Pittsburgh, who is a brother of L. F. Lowe, has also resigned. He shied at the idea of Rhode Island. He said, however, that there is nothing in the rumor, and that as far as he knows he will remain here. It is known that Mr. Lowe was instrumental in bringing Mr. Murray to Pittsburgh, and that he and many others may not prove suitable for the new president. A personal friend of Mr. Murray said yesterday:

"There will undoubtedly be some changes, but it is safe to say Mr. Murray has injudicious circulate wild reports that he is to revolutionize things. There is no reason for such action in the first place. As a matter of fact, Mr. Murray has always had a voice in the selection of officials, and I presume he will continue that policy. Some of them, I suppose, were not his choice altogether, and if he sees opportunity he will likely replace them. I believe that Mr. Lowe will make several years with him to the Rock Island. If he does he will finish the term of the old potentate. This, then, will give Mr. Murray a chance to make some changes without creating much comment."

### Advance in Freight Rates.

Effective January 1 there will be an advance in freight rates from eastern territory to California and Northern Pacific points. Practically the whole tariff sheet has been changed, showing advances from 5 to 25 per cent. All commodities are included in the advance. As per cent or 75 per cent per hundred pounds will be made on lumber, which will make the rate 84 instead of 75 cents. There will also be a sharp advance on machinery, which will affect Pittsburgh more than other manufacturers.

Furniture and vehicle dealers, however, have something to rejoice over. Heretofore 36-foot cars were not allowed to go to the coast, the maximum being 34 feet. On and after January 1 the rule will be changed so that 36-foot cars may go all the way.

### Against Per Diem Rule.

It is likely that the Interstate Commerce commission will take a hand in the per diem system so far as demurrage charges are concerned, by offering statistics. The railroads of the Pittsburgh district are said to be ready to investigate charges made against him by the Pittsburgh Coal Exchange. The complainant sets forth that on July 20, 1903, a carload of oil was shipped from Bradford, Pa., to Fairmont 1 whether car of oil was shipped to the Fairmont Coal Company. In instances private cars were used and they were placed for unloading on private switches but on the line of the company who compelled the company to pay for and on the basis of $10 demurrage charges for delays in unloading the cars. The complainant asks the interstate commerce commission for an order compelling the Fairmont Coal Company to pay the charges and for a ruling as to the right of railroads to exact demurrage charges on private cars unloaded on private tracks.

### Railroad Notes.

It is said that the Erie is after the Detroit Southern.

William Fleming, the veteran secretary of the Trunk Line Passenger association, will resign January 1. He has been secretary 19 years.

Beginning January 4 train No. 206, leaving the Union station at 7:30 a. m., will run as a mail train. The train runs on the P. & A. division of the Pennsylvania lines west.

Frank Van Dusen, a prominent railroad general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines, arrived from Chicago yesterday. He was a passenger on the limited No. 5, which collided with a freight 50 miles west of Ft. Wayne. Mr. Van Dusen was not injured.

The following changes are announced effective January 1: W. C. Rawlins is appointed district passenger agent of the Knox system, with headquarters at Oklahoma City, I. T., in addition to discharging the duties of general agent, with headquarters at Joplin, Mo. Stuart of Houston is appointed general freight agent of the Santa Fe. Title is new position.

# ROOSEVELT IS INVITED TO VISIT CINCINNATI

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Senator Foraker today extended to the president an invitation to attend the Cincinnati musical festival, which is to be held next May. The president said it would afford him great pleasure to be present during the festival, but as yet it was too early for him to say positively whether he would be able to attend.

# IN THE OIL FIELDS

There has been a great deal of speculation as to why the credit balance market suffered a reduction of five cents on Tuesday, while the bid conditions remained favorable for firmness. From a reliable source it was learned yesterday that the probable cause was the drilling of a 20,000-barrel gusher in Texas. Gushers in that country are common, and not since the Lucas spouter at Beaumont was drilled in and the quality of the oil determined has that product been able to exert an influence on the price of the high-grade crude of the east.

The present gusher is situated in new territory and presents a new feature. It is said to be of 30 gravity, which is much higher than has been found in the southeastern part of the state.

Additional information, of an unofficial nature, has been received from the McCoach Oil and Gas Company's strike on the T. J. Berkley farm, near Milton, Cabell county, W. Va. The information was received from an oil man on the ground and was to the effect that the well had averaged 75 barrels a day in the last 10 days, flowing by heads. If the well is as good as reported, it lends new interest to that development.

It would be something of a surprise if this county would come to the front with a new pool. If it should, it will be the only strictly new discovery in West Virginia during the last two years.

In the northeast end of the Fols

# SCHEMING HOW TO MUZZLE ORPHANS

## Mayor W. B. Hays and Samuel J. Wainwright Said to Be Considering the Project.

### WANT ESTIMATES ADOPTED

The Orphans, City Controller John B. Larkin and the members of councils belonging to that party are stirred up. Controller Larkin continued his attack on the estimates of the department heads yesterday and the members of the finance sub-committee bristled up when they heard that it was the intention of Mayor Hays, aided by the select council combine, to take away the control of the finance sub-committee from the Orphans and replace them with men who will not scrutinize the departmental estimates too closely.

Select Councilman Samuel J. Wainwright and Mayor Hays had a long conference yesterday in the mayor's office, and it was currently reported that they discussed the personnel of the finance sub-committee and a project of getting rid of the present members. These members are William C. Reitz, chairman; George W. McNeill, William J. Zahniser, Jesse Seifert, Jr., and Dr. I. P. Shaw, all Orphans but Zahniser and they were appointed by William H. Stevenson, who is chairman of the finance committee. The finance committee is, however, not controlled by the Orphans, and the committee may try to discharge the present sub-committee.

**Stevenson's Pointed Talk.**

"So you say that Wainwright wants the completion of the sub-committee changed?" said Mr. Stevenson, when told of the alleged plan. "If this is true, it might be well to let the public know that it is Mr. Wainwright who thinks there ought to be another sub-committee."

"I don't think any such attempt will be made," said Mr. Larkin. "Why, if they were to try it it would show them up before the public in such a way that they would never get over it. It would betray too plainly their intentions."

"The mayor has declared for a 12-mill tax, and you may be sure we will accommodate him," said Mr. Stevenson. "Of course, I am not a member of the sub-committee, but I feel positive that it will be able so to prune the estimates that the administration will be pleased, the mayor being in favor of a low millage."

It is possible that, if an attempt should be made to change the sub-committee the plan can be subverted by another move by the Orphans; at least so say men who are not with the Orphans.

**President Crawford's Power.**

They assert that Charles S. Crawford, president of common council, may decide that it is within his power to discharge the present finance committee and appoint new members, but Orphans who were spoken to about it said they doubted that the president of common council has that power. It is suggested that the combine has another scheme besides the one of replacing the sub-committee, and that it may appoint a special finance committee for common council, to which the appropriation ordinances are to be referred after the joint committee has got through with them.

The general finance committee consists of 15 members, but as William E. Sankey has moved out of the city and is not attending the meetings, the membership is really only 14. Of this number, five are Orphans, but as William J. Zahniser could be depended upon to vote with the Orphans to retain the present sub-committee, their force would amount to six. The two members of the committee considered doubtful are J. C. Wasson and Thomas M. Brown. If they voted with the Orphans, making a majority with eight, the effort to change the sub-committee could be defeated; but if they voted with the other side the attempt might succeed. It is said, however, that there are one or two other members of the committee who would vote with the Orphans on the ground that to change the sub-committee at this juncture would be mad politics.

President J. S. Wightman of select council yesterday appointed P. J. Barry a member of the finance committee to succeed James W. Platt, resigned, but as Mr. Barry is counted as an opponent of the Orphans the vote will not be changed.

**Still for 11 Mills.**

Controller Larkin still thinks that an 11-mill levy is possible. He has prepared estimates of his own for each department and he ventilated his opinion concerning some of the estimates now in. He said other items that must be added to the appropriations, outside those of the departments, would require a 15-mill tax; that the men who made the estimates had very little idea of securing for the people an 11-mill rate. He added:

Director Clark's estimate and that of the board of assessors come nearer my idea of business administration than anything presented in the way of estimates, outside of what the director of charities asks for in the way of improvements.

I mean no reflection on any department when I take occasion to commend the care and economy of Mr. Clark, who, by example in business methods, gives encouragement to those who believe in applying to public stewardship the methods governing private enterprise. He seems to have clothed, fed and taken care of those thousands paupers for about 37 cents a day, and has shown so much of the kind of ability required in managing an institution of that kind that he should by law be given full control of the new municipal hospital and its work, as that is in line with his duty and could be easily made an adjunct of his department. In this way Director Moore would be relieved of a burden whose load is entirely given up to police, fire or electric requirements, and would give him needed time to arms of the government entirely too large for the supervision of any one man.

## GOLD BONDS ON SALE.

### Unsold Portion of Securities Which Are First Mortgage on P., B. & W. R. R.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. offer for public subscription at 104½ per cent and accrued interest the unsold portions of an issue of $10,000,000 First mortgage 40 per cent 40-40 gold bonds of the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington Railroad Company, which railroad forms the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from Philadelphia to Washington. The subscription will be opened on January 7 at 10 a. m., and will be closed at 3 p. m. or earlier on the same days. Allotments made upon subscriptions are to be paid for on January 12.

These bonds are an absolute first mortgage on the lines of the company from Philadelphia to Baltimore, and after 1911 will also be a first mortgage on the rest of the line from Baltimore to Washington. The entire authorized issue of these bonds is limited to $20,000,000, of which $10,000,000 constitute the present issue, and of the remaining bonds a sufficient amount reserved to redeem the $4,380,000 Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore debentures and $4,500,000 Baltimore & Potomac railroad first mortgage bonds, which latter mature in 1911, and which may be called.

The principal of the new bonds will be due November 1 1953; interest is payable semi-annually, May 1 and November 1 in the city of New York; principal and interest payable free of United States taxes and taxes in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and District of Columbia, through which the road runs.

Practically the entire capital stock of the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington Railroad Company is owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Northern Central Railway Company. The net income of the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington Railroad Company for the 12 months ending November 1, 1903, after payment of charges of every nature, amounted to $2,633,495 93, out of which was paid, on the then outstanding capital stock, semi-annual dividends of two per cent each, amounting to $579,198 for the year.

The portion of the line on which these bonds are now a first mortgage was known, before consolidation, which took place November 1, 1902, as the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad Company, which company has, with the exception of 1895, when it paid 6-½ per cent and 1890 and 1891, when it paid 6 percent, for 40 years paid a minimum of 7 per cent dividends on its outstanding capital stock. Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York stock exchange. Subscriptions will be received in Philadelphia by Salter & Stevenson.

# NEW YORK FIRM BUYS ROAD BONDS

## An Issue of $550,000, Bearing 4 Per Cent Interest, Sold at Par.

### THE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

N. W. Harris & Co. of New York yesterday purchased the $550,000 worth of county road bonds which were issued for 1903 by the commissioners. They were sold at par and the buyer pays the state tax. The bonds pay 4 per cent interest and mature in 30 years.

While Commissioner James Evans was in New York Tuesday delivering the bonds to Harris, a Pittsburgh firm offered to buy the whole issue at a slight premium, but the proposition had to be rejected as the eastern deal was then closed. The commissioners yesterday received the money for the bonds and the larger portion of it was paid out on road contracts completed during the year. During 1904 there will be another issue of $550,000 for road building purposes. Some aid will also be gotten from the state under the general road act of 1903. Applications have been made for the county's allowance, but the officials at Harrisburg have not acted upon the request.

In the spring of 1896 the county began the improvement of roads under the Flint act. There were then 350 miles of main thoroughfares. Since that time 144 miles of highway have been macadamized. The grand jury and courts have authorized the building of 90 miles, work upon which will be started next year. The cost per mile has been from $10,500 to $20,000, according to the character of the country and the facilities for shipping the materials. The macadam has cost from $4,000 to $7,000 a mile. Commissioner Mercer says that New York pays several thousand dollars more a mile than it costs this county. Since 1900 the county has purchased and opened to the public 119 miles of toll road. This was done at a cost of $114,000.

## OTHER TEACHERS WANT SALARIES RAISED ALSO

### Object to Alleged Discrimination—Meeting Called for Next Tuesday.

The central board of education will meet next Tuesday night, the call having been issued under the rules on petition of six members. Dissatisfied teachers want an advance in salaries. The board at the last meeting advanced the pay of principals, assistant principals, eighth grade grammar teachers who teach high school classes and exclusively primary teachers of the lowest grade. This caused discontent among the teachers not in these classes. The intermediate teachers particularly objected because one set of primary teachers would draw more money than they.

Several meetings were held by the interested teachers, who organized a systematic campaign. Several plans will be proposed. The lowest gives an advance of $5 a month to the sub-district school forces, which will add over $50,000 to the annual appropriation bill.

**Prisoner Attempts Suicide.**

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Dec. 30.—Charles F. Owens, a plumber of Connellsville, Pa., attempted to commit suicide yesterday by cutting an artery in the left wrist, in the jail at Enon Valley. Owens appeared some weeks ago in Enon Valley in company with a pretty young woman, he introduced as his wife. After the arrest of Owens for a board bill of $60, his supposed wife stated that she was his half sister and that he had compelled her to live with him. Yesterday he was held for court.

# PENNSY REACHING FARTHER TO WEST

## New Combination May Probably Include Rock Island and the Alton.

### LOREE CHANGE IS SIGNIFICANT

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—It is said that within six months, possibly sooner, the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Rock Island railroads will be practically under one ownership. The election of L. F. Loree to the executive office of the Rock Island is said to be the result of an alliance, if not a direct ownership, of the Rock Island by the Pennsylvania interests.

Since the action of the Gould interests in building into Pittsburgh, a district long monopolized by the Pennsylvania, the two interests have been at swords' points. The Rock Island with its subsidiary system, the St. Louis & San Francisco, is the strongest competitor of the Gould lines, the Wabash and the Missouri Pacific, in the central west and southwest.

To further carry on its battle with the Gould lines it is believed that the Pennsylvania is seeking a purchase of the Chicago & Alton road from the Harriman syndicate. By the purchase of the Alton road the Pennsylvania-Rock Island combination would secure a first-class system between Chicago and St. Louis and the Harriman syndicate would still have a line between the two points—the Illinois Central.

It is said that when the Pennsylvania-Rock Island buys the Alton, an auxiliary company with a capital of probably $1,000,000,000 will be formed to take over the stock of the three or four companies.

# ARE AWAITING WORD FROM PITTSBURGH

## The Governor Has Not Yet Appointed Sealers of Weights and Measures.

### APPROPRIATION TOO SMALL

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 30.

Gov. Pennypacker has not yet appointed sealers of weights and measures for Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and he will do nothing until he hears from the county commissioners, who are authorized by the act creating this office to designate the number of sealers for these cities.

The governor said today that the Allegheny county commissioners have neither designated the number of sealers for Pittsburgh and Allegheny, nor submitted any names for appointment.

**Has Yet Had No Word.**

He also said that he has also had no communication on this subject with the authorities of Allegheny county or the commissioners of Philadelphia and Lackawanna counties, who are authorized to designate the number of sealers for Philadelphia and Scranton.

Secretary of Internal Affairs Brown, who is authorized by an act passed by the last legislature to procure the standard of weights and measures for these prospective officeholders, says that he is now in correspondence with the proper authorities of the United States government in Washington and is also making an investigation in other directions regarding the matter. An impression seems to have gone abroad that the legislature appropriated $25,000 for the purchase by Secretary Brown of these standards, when, as a matter of fact, the appropriation is only $2,500.

**Appropriaton Too Small.**

"It is my opinion from investigations made," said Secretary Brown, "that the amount appropriated by the legislature is not sufficient to cover the necessary expenses of procuring the apparatus required by law in order to supply those who may be appointed sealers of weights and measures in cities of the first and second class. Of this, however, I am not certain at this time, but will be able to determine that question within the next two weeks."

## MASSILLON MANUFACTURER DONE WITH UNIONISM

MASSILLON, O., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The Massillon Iron and Steel Company has discharged all its union molders and core makers and announces that in the future all employes will be dealt with as individuals. The manager claims that after running the foundry department of the plant for 15 months under union rules the output for each man has been reduced from 40 to 50 per cent. The company employs about 500 men. The locked-out men have pickets stationed around the works and will try to prevent imported men from taking their places.

**Schwab Hearing Postponed.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The taking of oral testimony in the action brought by the New York security and Trust Company and Charles M. Schwab against the United States Shipbuilding Company and receiver Smith to foreclose the mortgage on the Bethlehem Steel Company, scheduled for today, was postponed, a stay of proceedings having been obtained by the defence.

# WAGE CUTS TOLD AT STEEL PLANTS

## Homestead, Braddock and Duquesne Steel Employes Receive Notice.

### SCALE IS NOT TO BE SIGNED

Wage reduction notices were posted at 6 p. m. yesterday at the Homestead, Braddock and Duquesne plans of the Carnegie Steel Company, the changes to be effective January 1. No scale is to be presented to the men to sign, as was the custom in past years, but they are to be allowed to continue work under the new scale without signing it.

The reductions are to be general, but not so heavy as was at first expected by many. The laborers are to be reduced a fraction over 9 per cent, making their wages for a 10-hour day $1.45. The bricklayers at the plants are to be reduced from $4.50 a day to $3.75. Office clerks, with salaries ranging from $50 to $100 a month, are to be given a 10 per cent reduction, and other workmen will be reduced accordingly.

The tonnage men are to be given reductions running from 10 to 20 per cent, the majority, however, getting a 25 per cent reduction. Departmental changes, it is said, there will be no cuts. It is said that the men are satisfied with the reductions and no serious objections will be made.

The Edgar Thomson mills at Braddock are expected to resume operations about the middle of January, as it is planned to have the new engine in the rail mill erected by that time, and all other repairs completed. The several idle departments at the Duquesne and Homestead mills are also expected to resume within the next 10 days.

# WANTS AMERICA TO JOIN RUSSIA

## Dr. Herze Urges Representations Made to Aid Palestine Movement.

### FOOLISH TO PETITION CZAR

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—The proposition of the Jews to induce foreign countries to make representations to the Russian government, calling upon it to prevent the repetition of the Kishineff massacres, is regarded unfavorably here. Dr. Theodore Herzl, founder of the Zionist movement, said to the Associated Press today:

"Such interference as has been suggested would be a most disastrous step. The position of the Jews remaining in Russia would thereby be rendered far worse than if is at present and the anti-semitic element would seize the opportunity to excite the ignorant with stories of the interference of foreign Jews in the internal affairs of the nation.

Dr. Herzl does not believe that any preparations are being made for a fresh assault on the Jews at Kishineff. He is confident that the present government will do its utmost to prevent any such outbreak and further, that the government is ready and willing to assist the movement for the emigration of the Jews. When Dr. Herzl was in St. Petersburg in August last, the governmental authorities promised him that they would make diplomatic representations to the sultan of Turkey asking him to aid in the colonization of Palestine. The officials have received information that such representations have actually been made and he suggests that the Jews in the United States shall render practical assistance to their brethren in Russia by asking the government at Washington to join the Russian government in friendly representations to the porte in aid of the Palestine movement.

## POPE PIUS X. DEPLORES ABUSE IN CHURCH MUSIC

### Cardinal Gibbons Explains Recent Letter Received from His Holiness.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30.—In the recent letter of Pope Pius X to Cardinal Respighi, the pope expressed a desire for a reformation in the music of the church. He denounced the music of the church today as operatic, etc. In speaking on this subject today Cardinal Gibbons said that he did not expect the pope's letter to have any radical effect upon the music in the Catholic church in this country.

"His holiness," he said, "has referred to the extreme abuse throughout Italy and France. In some of the churches of those countries there is little suggestion of reverence, and the ceremonies are given an operatic effect. It is this departure from the old system that his holiness deplores.

"In the 16th century, during the reign of Pope Pius IV, Palestrim effected a reform in church music, by improving upon the Gregorian by means of figured music."

As usual, Cardinal Gibbons will preach at the cathedral on the first Sunday of the new year, and afterward hold his accustomed reception in his residence after high mass.

**Emsworth Extends Railway's Time.**

The Emsworth borough council last night passed a resolution extending to March 1 the time allowed for the completion of the Avalon & Glenfield traction line. The Ben Avon & Emsworth line, a branch of the Pittsburgh Railways Company, has accepted the franchise ordinance recently passed by the Emsworth council.

# A REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S BUSINESS

## Unsettled Conditions Greatly Affected All Lines of Trade.

### WAITING FOR THE NEW YEAR

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—In its annual review of the business year of 1903, Bradstreet's will say:

Nineteen hundred and three was a year of irregularity in speculation, distributive trade and industry—in some cases of severe strains variously applied and as differently withstood. As the preliminary legatee of at least five years of great prosperity, it had to bear cumulative effects of previous years' outtakings, and at the same time to carry burdens having their inception in the year itself. Yet the tests were well withstood, and while exposure occurred, the genuine of events so far has proved that the general trade foundation was essentially sound, and that the structure reared upon it was in the main well built.

Much market liquidation, though slow, has been apparently thorough, and while many weak spots have been found, ordinary trade and real sense opportunity to gradually readjust itself to changed conditions of supply and demand. Had the abnormal activity of 1902 would have followed a speculative crash such as has been freely predicted would close the present period of prosperity.

Among the causes leading to unsettlement of conditions in the latter important industries the report gives the injury to sentiment growing out of disclosures of overdoing in put in activity, in industrial stock manipulation, in the unhealthy competition due to absorption by these functions of funds borrowable by railroads; the feeling that a subsidence of the stagnant activity of preceding years was inevitable; but chiefly the effect of unbalanced cost of which trusts have been done. High-priced raw materials, increased transportation rates, enlarged costs of manufacture, and last, but not least, the manifest complication of labor to get what the truth could bear, the strikes which were all elements leading to check consumption.

Summarizing the year's developments, the review calls attention to the excellent condition of trade and industry during the first quarter, and the multiplication of labor troubles during the second quarter. June 1 seeing the largest number of men out of employment in many years. Building operations at many large cities took a check, and it was practically at a standstill at New York throughout the summer.

The high price of cotton caused mills to lose a great part of their business, and 100,000 operatives in the middle of the year, while reductions in wages of many thousands of workers in the last months impaired the purchasing ability of the industrial element. The crop situation was less favorable than earlier anticipated, but better prospects later helped out fall trade.

Stock market liquidation and numerous bankruptcies followed. October and November, but ordinary failures continued smaller in number, though liabilities were larger than a year ago. Clearings reflected declines in stock speculation and showed decreases from 1902 and 1901.

November and December showed a more optimistic tone in general business, though trade in dry goods was unsettled by the enormous advance in cotton. Trade as a whole was probably in excess of 1902. The wheat crop was slightly less than that of 1902, and corn and cotton were affected by the late spring, floods and early frosts, the yields of the country's crops as a whole falling below 1902.

The price of corn has been below that of 1902, but high prices of cotton, coupled with the improved quality of most crops, insure a substantial return to the farmers above that of 1902.

Manufacturing industry was favorably active early in the year, iron and steel leading. Curtailment, following a 60 per cent reduction in output, began in the latter half, and a downward movement started. Lumber and building material felt the decline in activity. The cut will probably run 10 per cent below 1902. Shoe manufacturing, however, was active, and from eastern centers exceeded 1902 by 15 per cent and 1901, the best on record, by 4 per cent. The wool clip was 50 per cent less than then, but sold at an average 10 per cent higher.

Cotton manufacturing struggled against advances of 40 to 50 per cent in raw material, contrasted with increases of only 10 to 25 per cent in product, and the silk industry was also affected by high prices of raw material. Coal was active, soft coal was strong and brisk early, weakening later, and coke showed great extremes in prices. Export trade amounted to $1,454,000,000 showed a 7 per cent increase over 1902, and imports of $1,000,000,000 make the aggregate of foreign trade the best on record.

Railroad stock speculation at the metropolis

**Awaiting New Year.**

Our correction was completed of early, but facilities were greatly expanded later and the following heavy business was accomplished: Of the gross earnings and net returns, 1903 showed 10 per cent over 1902, 20 per cent over 1901, 30 per cent over 1900. Failures in the business mortality with the largest number of many manufacturing and trading lines. Immigration was the largest on record.

It is with a chastened spirit, crushed by some doubt, the writer concludes, that the business community awaits the dawning of the new year. Although the year has been evidently witnessed to take away many of the buoyant feeling with which the country generally preceding years has been content, there is no cause of pessimism, and a fundamentally sound change in many of the conditions have made good progress in iron and steel. Some increase in domestic cotton goods are unmistakable, and the export trade in cotton goods is promised upon the acceptance of lower wages by employes.

The preliminary for engineering work is developed to the point where it may present of money for ordinary purposes, but the capital campaign may also be thought not as in previous years a crowded relation. The strength of the country's basic industries, the tremendous natural resources, the unexampled market for the country's basic industries, building operations have a better showing than in 1902, and the year's output of iron and steel will be the largest in the country's history. Free exports of cereal manufactures and cotton goods will be in excess of previous years, but no decrease in the exports of 1903 the country had been drawn on to a much greater extent than it was in 1902, or even five years ago. The commercial world may expect a fairly large volume of business during the year, and confidence as the year advances.

Reported dividends for 1903 [illegible]

# ACTUAL LOSS NOT

## Origin of the Haug Storage House Still a Myst

Until the Board of Fire complete their investigation Haugh & Keenan storage of Tuesday morning it will to determine the actual loss estimates of from $200,000 are unofficial, no authority having been given out. Fire D. Meloth said that as he is an investigation he has no theory ing the origin of the fire. Ja a member of the storage firm assured some of the people goods stored in the building were insured, having their goods taken. Although there was considerable damage done by water to the structure above the second floor, the first floor was completely ruined, and it was the great loss occurred.

Mr. Keenan said the origin was a mystery to him. He d that five Underwriters' patrol they had ordered to certain restaurants for the building as tests and that when the s tempted to open the shutters to flames they were unable to do so the fasteners were all on the inside. Two large trucks were ripped up and about 400 bags of flour soaked with water, were taken from the floor.

## AMERICAN WOMAN SAW AFRICAN BARBARI

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Allen of American African gospel mission for New York today from Liverpool the White Star line steamer Celtic, after four years' work among the Mashukulumbe in Liberia. Just prior to sailing from Liverpool Mrs. Allen had a most terrible fright. The bodies of the slain husbands were chopped up into small pieces and all parts, hands, arms and legs were cut off and distributed among the various towns as trophies of victory.


# STORE CLOSED TOMORROW (NEW YEAR'S)

## Special half price items

1,000 yards chambray, gingham, percale, etc., marked 12½c, at, yd., 6¼c.
Lot of lace trimmed pin cushions, marked 48c to $2.50, at half off.
Odd lots hand made peau de soie stock collars, marked 48c, at 24c.
Lot 75c to $3.50 large Venise lace collars, at half marked prices.
Women's kid and cloth house slippers, marked 50c, today at 25c.

# KAUFMANN'S
"THE BIG STORE"

## Special half price items

All Stransky's turquoise blue enameled kitchen utensils, ½ off.
Lot of men's silk four-in-hand neckties, marked 25c, to go at 12½c.
Lot of men's $1 Quaker City fancy stiff bosom shirts to go at 50c.
Men's fancy Manhattan and Faultless shirts, marked $1.50, at 75c.
Men's famous Crown make suspenders, marked 50c, today at 25c.

## Coats, suits, furs, etc. prices lowered 50% and over

Women's coats that have been selling for $12, $14 and $18, military effect or corset shape — 27 to 33 in. long, strictly tailor-made, plain or fancy silk braid trimmed—reduced to only 8.50

200 women's tailor-made jacket suits—in three-quarter length, blouse or short coat effect; broadcloths, cheviots, fancy mixtures or light or dark coverts, reduced from $15, $18 and $21 to 9.50

Lot of women's fur scarfs—round double length or pelerine shape, in muffion, fox or marten, trimmed with large brush tails—reduced from $5 and $6 for quick clearance to 2.50

Women's skirts—walking or dress lengths, in mixed materials, broadcloths or cheviots, plain 7 or 9-gore, strapped or braided effects—reduced from $9, $10 and $12 to 5.00

**Girls' wear reduced**

Girls' $4 and $5 school dresses reduced to 2.98—made of fine all-wool cashmeres and mixtures, trimmed with velvet, silk yoke, full sleeves, lined throughout—all sizes, reduced to 2.98

Girls' $7.50 and $10 Gretchen coats—made of excellent quality zibelines, kerseys and extra heavy cheviots, military effects, splendidly tailored and finished—sizes 4 to 14 years—reduced to 5.00

## This 30% discount offer on our entire stock of clothing is equivalent to 50% off

for our regular prices, as is very well known, are 20% below those of all others.

You simply CAN'T make a mistake buying at this sale, because, if, after comparison with any other sale, you find that we have saved you less than 50 per cent, we will gladly refund your money.

This is certainly sufficient incentive to invite and influence every man with present or prospective clothing needs to come to "The Big Store" now, while this sale is in progress, and have those needs supplied.

All men's suits and overcoats marked $ 6.00 go for 4.20
All men's suits and overcoats marked $ 7.00 go for 4.90
All men's suits and overcoats marked $ 8.50 go for 5.95
All men's suits and overcoats marked $10.00 go for 7.00
All men's suits and overcoats marked $12.00 go for 8.40
All men's suits and overcoats marked $15.00 go for 10.50
All men's suits and overcoats marked $18.00 go for 12.60

And so on throughout the entire stock.

All boys' suits and overcoats marked $2.00 go for 1.40
All boys' suits and overcoats marked $3.00 go for 2.10
All boys' suits and overcoats marked $4.00 go for 2.80
All boys' suits and overcoats marked $5.00 go for 3.50
All boys' suits and overcoats marked $6.00 go for 4.20
All boys' suits and overcoats marked $7.00 go for 4.90
All boys' suits and overcoats marked $8.00 go for 5.60

And so on throughout the entire stock.

All youths' suits and overcoats marked $ 3.90 go for 2.73
All youths' suits and overcoats marked $ 5.00 go for 3.50
All youths' suits and overcoats marked $ 7.50 go for 5.25
All youths' suits and overcoats marked $ 8.50 go for 5.95
All youths' suits and overcoats marked $10.00 go for 7.00
All youths' suits and overcoats marked $12.00 go for 8.40
All youths' suits and overcoats marked $15.00 go for 10.50

And so on throughout the entire stock.

All boys' knee pants marked 44c go for 31c
All boys' knee pants marked 75c go for 53c
All boys' long and short pants marked 98c go for 68c
All men's and youths' trousers marked $1.98 go for 1.39
All men's and youths' trousers marked $3.00 go for 2.10
All men's and youths' trousers marked $4.00 go for 2.80
All men's and youths' trousers marked $5.00 go for 3.50

And so on throughout the entire stock.

## Flannels, towels, white goods.

**Stocks are too heavy—so down go the prices**

Embroidered Scotch flannels—in pretty designs for waists and kimonos—regular 50c quality, today at, yard. 29c

Silk embroidered flannels—for underskirts, white and colored, hemmed and hemstitched—regular 85c quality, today at, yard, 50c

175 pairs blankets—made of good double fleeced cotton—the kind usually sold for $1, now offered at, pair, 75c

$7.50, $8 and $9 blankets—some of the finest blankets made, including California and Rose—195 pairs to go at, pair, 5.00

500 dozen towels—fine linen huck, size 17x22 in., real value 15c each, special today at 1.00 dozen, or, each. 10c

400 dozen imported towels—damask with knotted fringe; hemstitched huck; extra large Turkish, hemmed and fringed—towels worth 35c to 50c, to be featured today at, each. 25c

White Peralan lawns, fine India linons, fleeced piques and fleeced oxfords, for waists and dresses—25c and 35c qualities, cut down to, yd., 12½c

## Inventory reductions of 25 to 50% on men's furnishing goods

Men's underwear—heavy fleece lined shirts and drawers, warm and comfortable—regular 75c values today at 39c

Men's underwear—heavy wool shirts and drawers, camel's hair and natural color—regular $1 values, today at 75c

Scotch wool gloves—for men and boys, very warm, regular 50c grades reduced to 25c

Men's night shirts—made of Domet flannel or heavy muslin, cut wide and long; regular 75c kind reduced to 48c

Boys' warm gloves—mocha pairs with heavy wool astrachan back—the proper glove for skating and coasting—pair 50c

Boys' underwear—heavy fleece lined shirts and drawers—regular 25c quality, reduced to 25c

## Dress goods reduced

YOU'D have to pay fully 25% more than these prices if you went to the makers and bought the goods direct.

54 in. black repellant cloth—in the heavy weight, so fashionable now for unlined skirts—former selling price 75c yd., reduced for quick clearance to only 39c

Fine French cashmeres—in light and dark shades, for children's dresses or women's house gowns, etc.—formerly sold for 50c a yard, now reduced to 29c

Waist lengths of mercerized vesting, silk and wool waisting, French chaille, armure or henrietta; all the most fashionable colors and shades being represented, plenty of material for entire waist—have sold as high as $2.50 per pattern, closing out price 98c

Overlinced fancy Scotch plaids—beautiful blendings of bright colorings—goods that have sold up until now for 29c the yard, reduced for quick clearance to only 15c

French challies—the best ribbon stripes on all-wool grounds, in a splendid range of designs and colors—former price 75c yd., now reduced to 39c

## All our $4.65 trimmed hats reduced to 2.49

IN other words, you can today select any hat in stock marked $4.65 and keep back $2.15 of the price. These are not regular $4.65 hats, but have recently been reduced from higher prices. They are made of either velvet or soft felt, becomingly trimmed with ostrich plumes or fancy feathers, ribbons, etc. Don't let the small sum of 2.49 stand in the way of your having a beautiful new winter hat.

Beaver flats—in black and all colors—the kind that have been selling for $2.50, now reduced for quick clearance to half price, or only 1.25

Misses' and children's ready-to-wear and school hats, made of velvet or in the new stiff effect, very jaunty shapes—former price $1.25 to $2, reduced to 49c

## Infants' wear reduced

Babies' shoes — soft sole, also moccasins — regular price 25c, at, pair, 15c

Caps—babies' colored tight fitting caps; regular price 25c, reduced for today's sale to 12½c

Babies' wrappers — wool mixed, open front, special value at 25c

Babies' long dresses — made of fine nainsook, embroidery ruffle finish, very special value at 25c

Babies' night slips—made of warm flannelette, exceptional value 50c

Babies' afghans—made of eiderdown, special lot to go at 1.00

Babies' cloaks—long or short, in bedford cord or fancy wool mixtures, heavy interlining, reduced from $5, $7.50 and $8.50 to 3.98

Dresses—for boys and girls, all-wool cloth or cashmere, lined throughout, sizes 1 to 4 years, exceptional value at 98c

Children's aprons—made of white lawn, neatly trimmed, also gingham aprons, with or without sleeves, sizes 2 to 14 years— 50c

Children's night gowns or sleeping garments—made of neat striped flannelette, sizes 2 to 14 years, very special value at 50c

## Oriental and domestic rugs one-third off marked prices

$100 Tabreez, Iran and fine Kermanshah rugs, various sizes one-third off, or 66.67

$60 Serebent and Afghan rugs, at one-third off the selling price, or 40.00

$30 Kazak and Daghestan rugs—at one-third off, or 20.00

$10 Shirvan and Daghestan rugs at one-third off, or 6.67

$5 Hamadan and small Kazak rugs, 3.33

Fine wool Brussels rugs—9x12 ft., $17.25 values, special at 11.50

$24 Oriental pattern rugs—without mitered corners—size 9x12 ft., special 15.95